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SLATER FOR MARCONI

BLACKTOWN CITY striker ROBBIE SLATER seems certain to follow in the footsteps of former Demon ROBBIE WHEATLEY to Bossley Park, the home of Marconi.

BY FRANK COLETTA

Slater's Blacktown contract states that he can be released at the end of the year for the same fee of \$15000 that his present club forked out to St George.

Blacktown are under threat of likely relegation to the NSW State League, although curiously enough there is still an extremely remote but nevertheless mathematical chance of their making the Northern Division semi-finals.

Slater, who was linked with current Marconi coach Les Scheinflug in 1981 with the Australian Youth team and subsequently with the full National team, may well join him again at the Italian-backed club.

But the flame-haired striker's name has also been coupled with several other clubs, not the least of which is Sydney Croatia, the side that

slammed Slater's current team 4-0 at the weekend.

Suspension prevented Slater playing in the match. He has missed a number of games this year due to injury, the latest of which involved an inexplicable fainting spell, from which he has recovered.

When he has been on the park, his services have been absolutely invaluable to Casey De Bruin's outfit.

The question arises as to where Marconi could accommodate him in their forward-line?

Already they have a tonne of talent in David Lowe, Osvaldo El Ali, Rod Brown, Geoff Gunning and Mark Jankovics, although the latter realises that he has become more injury-prone

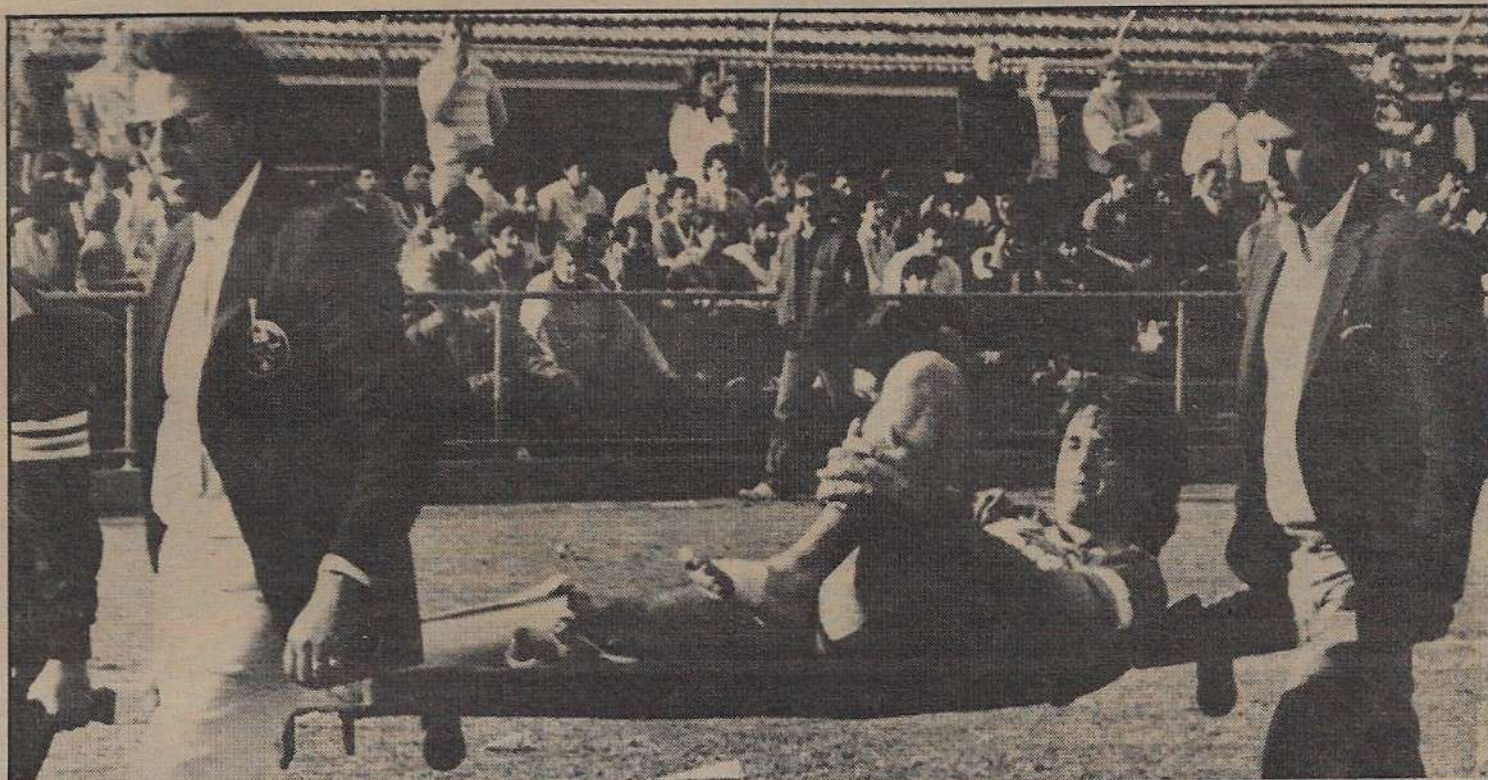
with the passage of time.

Marconi's bid may well be influenced by the decision of El Ali, who is yet to make up his mind whether he will re-sign for the club for 1987.

If he doesn't and decides to leave, then Slater would prove a good buy to work on the wing as El Ali does.

But if the Argentinian stays then what value would Slater be? It doesn't seem as if he could fill the role of a dynamic goalscoring striker, the main thing that Marconi lack.

They seem to have an abundance of skill in the forward-line, so they should be searching for goalscorers and not just more creativity.



NICK BREAKS HIS LEG AGAIN

NICK THEODORAKOPOULOS, Sydney Olympic's 22 year old striker, broke his left leg once again when making his comeback last Sunday after being out for almost a year with his first injury.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

The tall Olympic striker suffered his tragic break in the eighth minute of the match against Wollongong City at Pratten Park - ironically against the same team he was playing against when he first broke his leg last year.

Frantic Sydney Olympic officials raced onto the field, fearful of a similar injury when they

saw him crash awkwardly to the ground after colliding heavily with Wollongong City's goalkeeper, Warwick Young whilst going for a high ball in the box.

An ambulance arrived within minutes at Pratten Park to rush the player to Western Suburbs Hospital.

He had his left leg placed in a plastic slab,

not in plaster as this time the break was clean - just above the ankle and not displaced as was the case the first time he broke it.

He was released from hospital on Sunday night.

When I contacted Nick this morning at his home in Sylvania Heights, he told ASW:

"The break this time

is not as complicated as the first. I will discuss my playing future with my specialist in about six weeks time."

Theodorakopoulos is under contract to Sydney Olympic till the end of this season. They bought the giant striker two years ago from Canterbury Marrickville Olympic for a bargain \$6,000 transfer.

REFS IN RUMPUS

BY KEITH GILMOUR

REFEREE Manny Loupis was pulled out of the firing line and replaced by Bob Davies for Sunday's important Canberra City Olympians — Sydney clash at the Bruce Stadium.

Loupis also had to stand down from the vital Newcastle Rosebud — Blacktown City clash in Newcastle the week before.

He is endeavouring to force his way up through the ranks but it seems that he foundered on the rocks of the midweek Marconi — St George encounter.

Prior to the tough APIA-Leichhardt v Marconi clash at Lambert Park a leading referees' official said that Tony Pollard had been high in the ratings over the year.

"This game was given to him as a make or break test," he said.

He struck plenty of problems behind the play, together with a kick from an irate local supporter as he left the park.

Summing it up, Tony Pollard just lives to fight another day.

Loupis and Pollard are not the only referees to taste a little of what they don't fancy.

Evan Venios has been despatched from Melbourne to interstate points to widen his experience, but he is yet to reach the topline.



ROBBIE SLATER

ATTACK-MITRE BIG MATCH

ON Sunday October 5 at the Parramatta Stadium, Australian Soccer Weekly in conjunction with ATTACK Sports, Mitre Sports, Ambassador Trophies and Ansett Airlines will come together to sponsor the biggest Socceroo Re-Union match of all time.

All the 1974 Socceroos will line up for a 'challenge match' against the N.S.W. Soccer media — foolhardy souls!

The likes of Peter Wilson, Johnny Warren, Ray Baartz, Ray Richards, Atti Abonyi and Manfred Schaefer will be lining up against ASW's own Frank Coletta, Ray Gatt, John Economos, Terry Greedy and others like Peter Wilkins, Les Murray and Eddie Thomson in a game that is sure to be one of the all-time great crowd-pleasers!

The Editor

THIS year that proverbial drover's dog has been continually barking out the message that much of the top hierarchy of Australian refereedom has to be reconstructed.

One of the most encouraging features however has been the switching of the practitioners of the art between matches in the major cities of Australia.

Where experience is lacking in view of the loss of senior referees through retirement - premature or otherwise - then it is experience that the lesser known whistlers are receiving that becomes so vitally important.

Not only do the up and coming group strike different situations to those applying in their home cities, they encounter another group of players, grounds, club crowds and linesmen as well.

In addition to that they come under the eagle eyes of a different group of inspectors.

Very little is known to the public at large of the activities of a select band of former senior referees who give their time to advise current referees and to report on their games.

Many of them have outstanding knowledge of the rules and their operation. They provide a balanced judgment that so often cannot be equalled by many of the club officials and fans.

People have a general knowledge of the rules - and quite often they sniff out the mistakes - but the inspectors' long training usually gives them a different dimension altogether.

This year some clubs have requested certain referees' services in good time. In other cases the request has been belated.

On occasions the clubs involved have appealed more for publicity purposes, taking no account of the administrative arrangements that have to be set in train weeks ahead of match days.

If a referee has to travel interstate he must be advised well ahead so that his personal arrangements can be made.

With the retirement of some of the luminaries it was obvious that the ranks of the topline referees would temporarily be thinned.

Referees organisations have had to select the best possible men to fill the gaps.

The next phase is to give more experience in the various State Leagues to those who can press for places in the National League ranks over the next few years.

Looking to the medium term, the proper education of this group of referees is the vital link in ensuring that there will be an adequate and hopefully an increasing standard of refereeing down the years.

THE Australian Soccer Federation has recently come to a deal with the Powerplay organisation to seek out sponsorships for the Australian under 20 and 16 years teams.

From the agent's viewpoint it seems that these teams have an image that is promotable.

ASW certainly hopes that the business sector will respond to the opportunity to support these fine young groups of players.

The Australian Institute of Sport has been a boon in the development of some of the best young talent in the land.

Any plus that can be added which will enable our young representatives to improve their standards must be warmly welcomed.

The sponsorship arrangements for the Australian national team will be invaluable. However we must wait to see how the ASF develops the promotional situation as at this stage they still have limited lines of communication.

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JOHN FLEMING
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IT COULD have been the great success story of the National League but it turned out to be The Rise and Fall of John Fleming's empire.

That sums up what has happened with Wollongong City this season.

People in other parts of Australia may well ask what happened to the team from the South Coast which beat Croatia and Marconi early in the season and led the northern division for four weeks.

Well, that's a long story.

There have been many contributing factors but it all boils down to the club board not really having the foresight to assemble a squad capable of putting it all together over the six long months of tough competition.

Directors were content to bask in the glory of their side, made up mainly of local products, and scare the life out of the big names over the first few weeks.

It was all very well to enjoy the success that suggested the club would finish in the top five and be safe from relegation.

No real thought was given to the injuries and suspensions that were certain to come about in the weeks to follow.

And, didn't those injuries come about?

South American Saul Rivero was the most significant loss. This was always on the cards and opposing teams obviously must have felt he posed less danger to them on a treatment bench than on the field.

Rivero didn't appear very often for the Wolves after getting both goals in their 2-1 win over Marconi in the first game of the season.

He was hacked down the next week against Blacktown and didn't pose any real threat to anyone after that. A burst hamstring made him a spectator for virtually all games.

NO DEPTH

Fleming points out that serious injuries to key midfielder Willie Murray and the talented Scott Dickson also affected his team's performances.

"Murray was out for a while and we lost Dickson with a cartilage injury in the Ampol Cup and there have been the inevitable suspensions," Fleming said.

"We were hoping to hold out in the top few teams but you just can't do it when there isn't any real senior depth to call on."

Fleming, who had to come out of retirement in three games this year, has had a mixed season in his debut as an NSL coach.

A shrewd customer with very set ideas on

THE RISE AND FALL OF JOHN FLEMING'S PROUD EMPIRE

BY PHIL MURPHY



LARRY GAFFNEY (above) has provided a more solid midfield.



Saul Rivero (left) and Peter Kotaminidis.

STABILITY?

Their overdraft has been reduced at a great rate through improved crowds but this is not that significant if they are to drop out of the league.

Looking back maybe some of the money collected from the big drawing games could have been invested in two players at a time when they could have helped the club stay up near the top.

As it was Wollongong found themselves in a situation where they had to rush in to buy Randell Easthorpe (Penrith) and Richard Peil (Fairy Meadow) to beat the transfer deadline by hours.

That came about because the club just didn't have enough players for a 13-man squad leading up to the away game against Canterbury.

The failure of Rivero's countryman, Leon Arcosa, to show any real form has been another factor in the Wolves' decline but Fleming simply had to play him at times because other players were out injured or suspended.

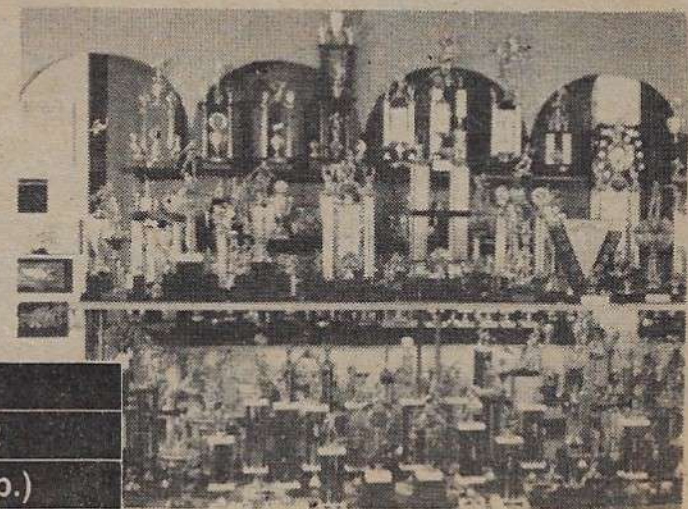
It has been said before but Soccer needs Wollongong in a national league, but if there is a change of heart and the Wolves are still part of the national set-up in 1987 they will need to show a lot more foresight than they did in 1986.

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NORTHERN & SOUTHERN DIVISIONS

TWO rounds remain in the Olympic Airways National Soccer League before the Top Five play-offs commence.

This year, due to the proposed change to a 14 team single league in 1987, the NSL set up a formula to determine future membership.

The system brought a mark for each of past performance plus 1986 position plus an allowance for crowd attendance to give a club total.

The mark for a position relates to just that. There is no credit for extra points secured during the season. For example a club may run fifth in the Southern Division with 24 points and another come fifth in the Northern on 20 points but both receive the same credit.

The previous performance figure was pre-determined with a maximum of close to 40 point. First position in

The past performance points of the clubs are:

| Club | Points |
|---------------------------|---------|
| 1. Sydney City | 38.7698 |
| 2. Heidelberg | 32.1825 |
| 3. Brunswick U.J. | 31.6667 |
| 4. Melb. Croatia | 31.6667 |
| 5. Sydney Croatia | 30.0000 |
| 6. South Melbourne | 28.9286 |
| 7. Marconi | 27.9630 |
| 8. Preston | 25.5000 |
| 9. APIA Leichhardt | 23.3333 |
| 10. St George | 22.1280 |
| 11. Sydney Olympic | 21.0566 |
| 12. Adelaide City | 20.6878 |
| 13. Inter Monaro | 20.0000 |
| 14. Brisbane Lions | 19.7619 |
| 15. West Adelaide | 15.9921 |
| 16. Green Gully | 15.0000 |
| 17. Blacktown City | 14.9405 |
| 18. Canberra City | 13.7169 |
| 19. Wollongong City | 13.6667 |
| 20. Sunshine George Cross | 13.3333 |
| 21. Brisbane City | 12.8307 |
| 22. Footscray | 12.2222 |
| 23. Newcastle Rosebud Utd | 10.0000 |

each league brings 50 points and ranges down less 4.1667 points for each place until the 12th team receives only 4.1667 points. Then the league allots a point out of 10 based on the number of patrons the club has brought through its gates for the year.

The quality of the home ground, youth development, financial stability and similar factors do not rate. Why? It might be difficult to get a full statement on the point.

The matches for the last two rounds are:

NORTHERN DIVISION

APIA-LEICHHARDT
v Blacktown (a)
v Canterbury (h)

BLACKTOWN CITY
v APIA-Leichhardt (h)
v Syd Olympic (a)

CANBERRA CITY OL.
v Wollongong (a)
v Marconi (h)

CANTERBURY MARR.
v Syd Croatia (h)
v APIA-Leichhardt (a)

INTER-MONARO
v Newcastle (h)
v Syd. Croatia (a)

MARCONI
v Syd Olympic (h)
v Canberra (a)

NEWCASTLE
v Inter-Monaro (a)
v St George (h)

ST GEORGE
v Syd City (h)
v Newcastle (a)

SYDNEY CITY
v St George (a)
v Wollongong (h)

SYDNEY CROATIA
v Canterbury (a)
v Inter Monaro (h)

SYDNEY OLYMPIC
v Marconi (a)
v Blacktown (h)

WOLLONGONG CITY
v Syd Olympic (a)
v Canberra (h)

SOUTHERN DIVISION

ADELAIDE CITY
v Brunswick (a)
v Heidelberg (h)

ADELAIDE HELLAS
v Melb. Croatia (h)
v Sunshine (a)

BRISBANE CITY
v Sunshine (h)
v Preston (a)

BRISBANE LIONS
v Heidelberg (a)
v Footscray (h)

BRUNSWICK U.J.
v Adelaide City (h)
v S. Melbourne (a)

FOOTSCRAY
v Preston (h)
v Brisbane Lions (a)

GREEN GULLY
v S. Melbourne (h)
v Melb. Croatia (a)

HEIDELBERG
v Brisbane Lions (h)
v Adelaide City (a)

MELB. CROATIA
v West Adelaide (a)
v Green Gully (h)

PRESTON
v Footscray (a)
v Brisbane City (h)

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OFFICIAL POINTS FOR 1987 NSL

THE following table of points towards the 1987 14 team NSL is the League's official point score with two rounds to go.

(NB the NSL has not yet allocated points out of 10 based on 1986 crowd achievements).

| Club | Points |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Sydney City | 84.60 |
| Sydney Croatia | 80.00 |
| Brunswick Juventus | 77.50 |
| Heidelberg | 73.85 |
| Marconi | 69.63 |
| Footscray Just | 62.22 |
| Sydney Olympic | 58.56 |
| Adelaide City | 58.19 |
| South Melbourne | 58.10 |
| St George | 55.42 |
| Preston Makedonia | 50.50 |
| APIA-Leichhardt | 48.33 |
| Sunshine G.C. | 46.67 |
| Melbourne Croatia | 44.17 |
| Brisbane Lions | 40.60 |
| Newcastle Rosebud | 39.17 |
| Blacktown City | 35.77 |
| Adelaide Hellas | 32.66 |
| Wollongong City | 30.33 |
| Canberra City | 26.22 |
| Inter-Monaro | 24.17 |
| Brisbane City | 21.16 |
| Green Gully | 19.17 |
| Canterbury Marrickville | 16.67 |

QUEENSLAND BRAWL

BY GREG RUSSELL

QUEENSLAND Soccer could be headed for a major end of season wrangle if growing rumblings are aired.

The Queensland Soccer Federation has called for discussion on a radical taskforce report which it obtained recently from a Western Australian study.

This study was commissioned for that state's Australian rules administration, but if offers ideas which are applicable for any sport.

Several key QSF officials have been highly impressed by the taskforce proposals and hope to incorporate some in a pending administrative restructuring.

But it seems, if rumours can be believed, that some QSF officials want to take matters further and restructure the whole QSF divisional set-up in line with some of the taskforce proposals.

At present, following a major restructure three years ago, the QSF has two semi-professional leagues of 10 teams each, with all other teams in nine 12-team amateur divisions.

But with the likely return of the state's two NSL clubs, Brisbane City and Brisbane Lions, minor adjustments have to be made to incorporate them into the local format.

Some QSF officials see that as the opportunity to go a bit further.

QSF president Ian Brusasco was the official who called the recent 'think-tank' meeting to get feed-back on the taskforce proposal.

But he has refused to comment on any aspect of the reports or the rumours. It is understood that he fears that too much publicity will condemn the report and some clubs may jump to conclusions before assessing the advantages

effects, some of which are now maturing," the report says.

It adds that for the code to draw spectators back - or at least maintain current attendance figures - then facilities have to be improved.

Also it mentions that this can be done by every club trying to build a stadium, and that a small number of grounds should be selected and developed to the full. Clubs should then share the facilities.

"Football has to realise that it is a part of the entertainment industry and the location of playing areas cannot be dictated to by superficial club interest and old leases alone, but by the demands of the public," it adds.

As can be seen, many of the ideas go completely against the grain of the average Soccer mentality.

Whether the Queensland clubs opt to take the risk and adopt the taskforce reports remains to be seen.

But it certainly won't happen without plenty of heated debate. A few narrow-minded clubs will ensure just that.

or disadvantages of some of the ideas.

One ideal produced by the 'think tank' - although not a taskforce recommendation - was to scrap the two 10-team semi-professional leagues and form a new 14-team mini State League.

Under the proposal the league would include the two NSL clubs, the best Brisbane teams and several regional sides, which would include one from the Gold Coast.

Some clubs have warmed to that idea, but others have dismissed it out of hand once they learnt that the proposal carried a rider of no promotion or relegation.

The taskforce report doesn't consider that aspect of the game, but has some sound ideas on many other areas which seem to be constant headaches for Soccer.

ENTERTAINMENT

It recommends a businesslike approach to running and marketing the game, with club directors being businessmen rather than loyal long-term supporters.

It calls for a harnessing of the code's junior forces, uniformity of club finances and auditing, and a strong recommendation for clubs to re-direct finances into ground improvements.

"There has been a pre-occupation by club officialdom to win premierships at all costs. This has resulted in artificially high prices being paid to attract recruits from other clubs.

"This short term thinking by officials with short term tenure has disastrous long term



IAN BRUSASCO
Queensland president

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JOHN PETTAS



ACTION from Canterbury's matches this season as Nelio Borges goes at it.

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BOBBY ROBSON - 1983 IN AUSTRALIA AND

WORLD CUP RECOLLECTIONS

DESPITE England's success in the World Cup Final series in Mexico where they reached the quarter-finals, their failure during the 1983 tour of Australia still rankles in the mind of their national team manager Bobby Robson.

Indeed, like Diego Maradona's 'handball' goal for Argentina against the Poms in Mexico, it seems this tour Down Under is a happening the bold Bobby will never forget.

I suppose, like most big-time managers, Robson thought that he was coming to the Colonies to 'educate' us colonialists in what the game of football is all about.

In the past, other English managers and teams came out here with this attitude, well before Robson took over the national team.

It is now history that Robson's English outfit got the shock of their lives and their inability to give Frank Arok and his Socceroos a few hidings has certainly stuck in their throats.

To cast your mind back to that three match series - the results were 0-0, 1-1 and a 1-0 win to England.

And, although the Socceroos failed to win the series, they had a big moral victory.

The English media who toured here with their national team also handed out plenty of 'stick' to manager Robson and his players over their lacklustre performances.

It is also interesting to remember that Robson and Socceroo coach Arok had a head-on confrontation in Brisbane, when Frank turned up at one of the English training sessions.

Because of Arok's appearance, the Englishman cancelled his session.

This incident proved - beyond all shadow of a doubt - just how serious England were taking the series.

The full England team toured here, after their proposed trip to South America was cancelled.

Robson's feelings on their inability to 'thrash' our Socceroos has come out in their proper light in his new book just released by Collins Willow titled - So near yet so far - Bobby Robson's World Cup Diary.

It's a fine publication and gives a great insight into Robson's build-up and England's participation in Mexico.

In fact, a complete analysis of the book shows Bobby Robson as he really is - a grand fellow with a great insight into the game of football.

This of course is despite his feelings towards Australia.

For when it comes to Australia, his feelings are sour and he finds it hard to digest and more so accept that he failed in his mission here - to wallop the Boys from the Bush.

Here's what Bobby had to say about his trip to the Antipodes.

"I had to make all the right noises about looking at fringe players and all the rest of it but, in truth, neither I nor England gained anything from this long tiring trip where we were always on a hiding to nothing against a team desperate to prove themselves worthy of full status.

"Their manager, Frank Arok, was looking for a place in history by beating us and the Aussies went into the three games as though they were life-and-death World Cup Finals.

"But however you look at it, this was not first class football and after a long, hard season I had trouble building up enthusiasm and motivation in the team.

"What did please me was the dedication and commitment of the senior players, particularly those like Peter Shilton, Phil Neal, Terry Butcher and Trevor



DIEGO MARADONA, with World Cup

Francis who had played non-stop football for more than a year because of their involvement in the World Cup.

"There was a great deal of loyalty shown, too, with Neal and Sammy Lee coming on to join us from a club tour of Hong Kong and Bangkok while the Watford pair, the ever-willing Luther Blissett and John Barnes, came Down Under direct from a club tour of China.

"Perhaps, from there, grew the seeds that were to develop during later England close season tours, but from short range all I could see were the bad points.

"Ideally, it was an opportunity to show the people of Australia a better brand of football and, for that reason, I picked attractive, attacking teams placing the emphasis on trying to entertain.

"That chance was completely missed for Arok and his Australians were intent solely on gaining results and they played hard, defensive football that was scarcely appealing to the fans and miserable for my players to take part in.

"Soccer in Australia is always battling for a place in their sporting hierarchy, competing against Australian rules, rugby union and rugby league and, had Arok and I been able to discuss the situation, we could have shown off the game in its best possible light.

"As it was they defended, hit long balls and chased after them while we were simply neither good, relaxed or motivated enough to knock it over them and exploit their weakness.

"Paul Walsh and Trevor Francis were our only scorers as we emerged with battered bodies and bruised pride from three games that ended 0-0, 1-0 and 1-1.

"In all we gave seven new caps to Mark Barham, Steve Williams, Danny Thomas, John Gregory, Paul Walsh, Nick Pickering and Nigel Spink with only John Gregory of them surviving to play in our opening game of the next season, a crucial match against Denmark at Wembley.

"The trip to Australia was of limited value and, on reflection, scant preparation for the European Championships."

Which to me sounds like the biggest load of Old Codswallop and sour grapes to me.

Come off it Bobby, did you really expect Frank Arok and his Socceroos, to lay off your team and allow them to thrash them?

If the truth be known, this English team was just not good enough to hand out a licking to our lads and you damn well know it.

And what's more, all the excuses in the world will not cover up this fact - as the English scribes honestly wrote at the time.

Mind you, if the sortie to Australia was that bad and such a 'nothingness', then why on earth did Bobby give it so much space in his book?

Indeed, it must still hurt him to think of it.

The book then goes on to describe all the trials and tribulations that Robson went through to get his team to Mexico and their preparations before the big finals kicked-off.

It really is enthralling reading and gives an insight of just what a national team manager has to go through.

The English manager's reflections on the finals are first class and honest.

Here are some of them.

"The image of Diego Maradona's hand rising above Peter Shilton's and knocking the ball into the net will live for me forever.

"I did not need to see the television replay of the incident, for it was burned into my memory and I am convinced that that illegal goal robbed

England of the chance of victory against Argentina and maybe even the biggest prize of all - the World Cup.

"Yet I fell no bitterness towards the Argentinean captain.

"He acted instinctively and got away with it and had the boot been on the other foot - or rather the other hand - I do not suppose we would have argued with the referee.

"No, if I feel any anger at all it is directed towards the FIFA committee that selected a Tunisian referee and a Costa Rican linesman for a potentially explosive match.

"I expressed my fears when I first heard of the appointments because this was always going to be an evenly-balanced, tense match, even without the inevitable political undercurrents, for no matter how both sides played that aspect down, you could not get away from the fact that the two countries had been at war four years earlier."

Which is indeed fair comment and nobody would dispute these facts.

On Diego Maradona, Robson is as honest as any manager can be.

"It has been suggested that Maradona is a cheat," Robson continues.

"However, that is a strong word that I am not prepared to endorse.

"What he does is to make the most of any situation, often looking for the foul when sometimes he would be better off going for it in the



TOM ANDERSON looks at that controversial tour and Robson's World Cup diary

way that he did in that second goal (against England).

"If he were mine, I would want him protected and anyone who tried to stop him unfairly, punished.

"I would be thrilled if he ever brought his tremendous skills to Britain where he would be able to display his full range of talents free from the cynical foul."

Bobby's kidding us on here, and Maradona would be kicked to death if he played in English club football.

"Supporters in England would be amazed at his electric pace and the remarkable control that seems to keep the ball tied to his boots no matter how quickly he is running.

"Within ten seconds of the end of the game I realised that our World Cup dreams has disappeared with one dubious goal and one miraculous one."

Robson finishes his book by stating that his appetite has been whetted by the World Cup finals in Mexico and that he feels the job with the English team is only half done and there is a lot he would like to do.

"There are some tempting alternatives but then I have to ask myself what job can be higher than managing England?" he stated.

"If I do stay on I shall recommend that my successor be found within the next two years and then appointed as my assistant to witness at first hand the pitfalls.

"It would give him and the country the same head start that the French, and to some extent the West Germans have had in recent years.

"With the players available, England can have a bright future and, having gone so far this time, I am sure that we can go even further in the next World Cup whether Bobby Robson is manager or not."

Well, since the book came out, Bobby Robson has been re-appointed as the England manager for the next five years.

Despite his comments on Australia, we wish him luck in his endeavours and bid to win the World Cup in Italy in 1990.



ABOVE: GARY LINEKER celebrates one of his six World Cup goals whilst at right BRYAN ROBSON prepares to hit the ground and subsequently dislocate his shoulder. One of Bobby Robson's tragedies in Mexico.



England's Mark Hateley challenges Morocco's Abdelmajid Dolmy.

THE GLOVES ARE OFF WITH TERRY GREEDY



TEN years have passed since the ideas and collective dreams of a few far-sighted club executives were instrumental in forming a national league competition.

Only recently have we had the formation of a similar league in basketball and discussions are presently in the wind to expand the rugby league competition to include teams from outside of Sydney. VFL is also looking at a league containing teams from outside Victoria.

These codes obviously see decentralisation as the future for their games in Australia.

The National Soccer League, fraught with

financial and travel problems, has continued to survive despite the tampering, in one form or another, from our knowledgeable administrators.

After originally being a league which encompassed four states the administrators, in their wisdom, decided the competition would better serve Soccer if it was divided into the separate divisions — wrong again.

This move proved ineffective and now, in an effort to restore the league to its previous format, we have the situation where 10 clubs regardless of their geographical position will be dumped. Money these clubs have poured into their teams will be all for nothing.

The situation next year could see the league comprising of teams from the Melbourne and Sydney areas only. Surely, this cannot be marketed as a national league?

This format would be in complete contrast to

all changes being made in other codes to decentralise their competitions.

The criteria set down for selecting teams in next year's format should have been made flexible enough to ensure all major soccer areas in all states could be included.

Only time will tell if the new venture will prove successful. Without a professional promotion company to guide the destiny of the game, the national set-up will continue to flounder under the present leadership.



I thought we always had the game against Inter Monaro under control and am looking forward to the usual battle against Sydney City at home on Sunday.

It is great to have David Ratcliffe settled back in the defence and that gives us a good base to work from.

Amongst our rising stars at the moment is Pedro Ricoy, who put away a stylish goal on Sunday. Things really started to happen for us when Craig Moffitt came on.

Recently Powerplay have shown an interest

in moving into Soccer promotion. Their efforts to establish Aussie Rules in Sydney is adequate proof of their ability in that field.

In a recent interview on SBS, Powerplay executive, Bob Pritchard hinted that from his negotiations with leading Soccer figures, there appeared to be very little forward thinking.

A fresh new approach is needed if the game is to develop. Younger people with new ideas are needed to guide the destiny of Soccer.

Take the hint fellas. It is time to hand over the reins.

In private enterprise many of these people presently in charge would be given gold watches, thanked for their service and pensioned off. Why should Soccer be any different?

The game today must be run along business lines. The amount of money being invested into the game puts it into the big business class. It can no longer be run as a hobby similar to a weekend fishing club.



The Sydney Slickers have again been involved in a rough and tumble kicking match. It happened again against Monaro recently and it seems too much of a coincidence.

The simple facts are that the "Kickers" adopt a bustling style of play which does not allow opposition players time on the ball.

To combat these tactics many coaches decide to use the same tactics in an effort to knock the Slickers off their rhythm.

Not being a team of pussycats, the inevitable happens and the game degenerates into a kicking match. Strong decisive refereeing may be the answer. But, where are the appointment people going to find a referee with these qualifications?

This week's St George-Slickers match will be no place for the weak-hearted as both teams are desperate for points. St George are not known as the Saints by accident and we certainly would not be responsible for any rough stuff.

Spectators who enjoy watching skilful Soccer should come along and watch the skill and guile of the Saints triumph



over the Kickers — oops, sorry, the Slickers.



The Soccer clinic I organised for the first week of the school holidays went off without incident. All those who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

And, I hope they were able to pick up a few hints and skills that will help improve their game next year.

It was great to see some girls taking the plunge and attending the clinic. Although in the minority they had a great time. They certainly surprised some of the boys in their respective groups with their skills and willingness to tackle all comers.

See you all next week.

VEDRAN ROZIC'S VALUE TO SYDNEY CROATIA

The injury to Vedran Rozic highlights his value to Sydney Croatia.

As a coach he has designed the playing style very much around himself.

His long, penetrative passes out of defence to Zeljko Jurin and the equally speedy Manis Lamond are a vital factor in his team's attacking strategy.

Just as important is his dominance in defence.

In a back four made up of converted front players in Wally Savor, Graham Jennings and Marijan Kovacic, he is the organiser and lynch pin who holds it all together.

Especially is he dominant in the air.

His fine Soccer brain and long experience in top Soccer also makes him a great interceptor of balls played into his defence.

He, along with excellent goalkeeper Steve Watson, are the main reasons that Croatia has the best defensive record in the Northern Division.

Having said that,

Rozic is no one-man team at Croatia.

There are good, creative players in every position.

Early in the season the Croatian defence was allowing attackers too much space. This has now been tightened up.

I am particularly impressed with the way Marijan Kovacic has adopted to the stopper role.

Although always noted as a skilful and highly intelligent midfielder player, he did not appear to be aggressive enough to hold down the centre-back position, where hard tackling and dominant heading are key factors.

However, this has not been so.

The position brought him a broken nose some weeks ago.

But it has also caused him to display courage

and character, which has seen him grow as a man and as a player.

Wally Savor and Graham Jennings are very impressive players.

I am particularly impressed by Savor.

He really is a quality full-back who does so much right in possession of the ball.

He has the composure and class of a European first division player and that is surprising in one who has learned his Soccer here in Australia.

It is just one more portent of what may come from the many good young players now developing in this country.

When discussing the defensive side of the Sydney Croatia game, Graham Arnold must come into the discussion.

He continually reinforces both the midfield and the back four when Croatia lose possession of the ball.

He is doing in attack what Jim Patikas was doing last year, maybe not quite as devastatingly, but he does more defensive grafting and chasing than Jim did.

The national team can expect a big spin off in benefit with Arnold from what he has learnt in his new roving role this year.

While on the national team it was disappointing to see how often Zarko Odzakovic gave the ball away in the game versus Czechoslovakia at Parramatta

Stadium.

He is a gifted player, but appears at times to be hurried, careless, even frivolous when passing, concerned more with style than accuracy.

However, Odzakovic is one of the many stylish players in this Croatian team which will be pleasing and worthy champions if it can withstand the loss of Rozic.

If it takes out the championship it will have done so without



BY MIKE JOHNSON (ex-Fulham, Newcastle First Division Brighton 3rd Div South Coast Utd)

the use of the "aggro" which is so prevalent in many National League teams and over prevalent generally in Australian Soccer.

Sydney Croatia this year has been good for our Soccer.



JIM PATIKAS, replaced by GRAHAM ARNOLD.

IMPORTS

IMPORTING players has always been a contentious point among local Soccer followers and, no doubt, over the next few years it will continue to be a major talking point.

My belief is that we still need to import good class players into our Soccer, but with the upsurge of our youth players and with the excellent talent that is coming through, careful screening should be looked at to make sure the imported players are of the right ability and have the right attitude to benefit the game.

Looking at comparisons between players imported this year in the Northern League and young players who have been introduced to the national league by some clubs, I think without question that the young players more than hold their own and, in many cases, have done better and been better for the game.

Obviously, it takes time to settle down in a new country and adapt to conditions and some of the imports will get better and produce better football.

But, look at the young players who have burst on the scene and again will improve and mature because of it.

At St George, Scott Ollerenshaw and Craig Moffitt, at Blacktown Darren Northam, at Sydney City Brett Hughes and Abbas Saad, at Newcastle Sean Ingham at Leichhardt Tony Parison and at



BY ALAN VEST NSW DIRECTOR OF COACHING

Sydney Olympic Manny Spanoudakis are just a few who have caused a stir.

The import list is a bit longer, but the number of real success is not as great. At St George Stuart Porter and Milos Orsagh have been good in spells, while Zoran Beluzic has been disappointing.

At Wollongong Saul Rivero looked good early, while Leon Arcosa has hardly been sighted.

Marconi has Argentine pair Osvaldo El'Ali, who looks the goods and Adrian Janin, who has yet to shine. Croatia's Ante Rumora has had a good season, while Apia's Polish imports Janusz Baran and Edward Lorens have also done well at times.

Canberra's Augusto Palacios has had bright spots, too, while at Newcastle John Cavanah looks the goods with Paul Crabtree and Stuart Heap not too prominent.

It may be that some of those will continue to improve, but it is certainly interesting to note the bright new, young players coming through.



ZELJKO JURIN, will miss Rozic's long passes.

OLYMPIC AIRWAYS SOCCER LEAGUE ROUND UP

TITLE NOW OUT OF OLYMPIC'S REACH

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

WOLLONGONG CITY wiped out any slim chance Sydney Olympic had to steal the 1986 championship from Sydney Croatia when they defeated them 2-1 thanks to a 92nd minute goal from Pat Brodnik at Pratten Park.

Before the star-studded Olympic side could settle down, Wollongong took the lead in the fifth minute with a powerful header by Robbie Giraldi. Rade Stefanovski whipped in a well measured cross from the right which found Stefanovski positioned to crash his head just inside the first post from six metres out.

Adding further salt to Olympic's early agony striker Nick Theodoropoulos, making his comeback into the first team after more than a year out with a broken leg, was stretchered off the pitch in the eighth minute and rushed to hospital with the same leg broken.

Reg Chilby, Wollongong's centre-back, gallantly led the Wolves into an inspired first half performance which should have seen the visitors take a 3 nil lead by half-time. Only sterling work by Olympic goalkeeper Gary Meier kept the scoreline down to 1 nil in Wollongong's favour at the break.

Olympic, playing without their suspended skipper Peter Raskopoulos, looked rudder-

less despite Vicente Estavillo's valiant efforts to motivate them.

Estavillo, besides Meier, was easily Olympic's best player as he repeatedly tried to switch play with long balls into space but his colleagues regularly and miserably failed to capitalise on the Uruguayan's excellent vision.

The second half saw Olympic play some of their worst football of the season as they constantly squandered possession when going forward and their back-four of Martyn Rogers, Mike Coady, Tony Dakos and Spanoudakis hesitated with their clearances from the back.

With time running out and still trailing by a goal, Olympic substituted left-back Spanoudakis with midfielder Andy Zervas. Zervas went into the links to release Stuart Johnstone to join Marshall Soper, Simon Brandt and Chris Kalantzis in the strike-line.

Soper equalised in the 78th minute with a goal that looked like being a face-saving draw. Simon

Brandt punched a ball through for Soper to run onto and into the clear.

From outside the box, Soper lobbed advancing goalkeeper Young to score. Immediately after scoring, Soper who was being heckled by a small group of Olympic supporters to the side of the goals, raced across to the fence waving a threatening finger at his antagonists as if to say: "What about that one?"

But Olympic was not going to even get a draw. Instead they were about to collect their fourth loss over their last five matches to see the NSL Championship slip well away and across to Sydney Croatia.

In the 92nd minute, Olympic's ever-reliable centre-back Mike Coady lost control of the ball and saw Giraldi race in and skirt away down the right to the by-line. From the by-line Giraldi clipped back a lovely ball for Brodnik to crash his eight metre angled shot into Olympic's net and steal both NSL points for Wollongong's most deserving efforts.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier: Rogers, Coady, Dakos, Spanoudakis (Zervas 72nd); Johnstone, Phillips, Estavillo; Soper, Theodoropoulos (Brandt 8th) Kalantzis. **WOLLONGONG CITY:** Young: Green, Chilby, Viletstra, Morland; Giraldi, Gaffney, Cokely; Brodnik, Stefanovski, Easthorpe. Referee: G.Power. Crowd: 3,500.



Olympic's Vicente Estavillo in action during the match against Wollongong at Pratten Park.

CROATIA EXTINGUISH THE DEMONS' FIRE

BY FRANK COLETTA

SYDNEY CROATIA all but wrapped up the Northern Division minor premiership when they overwhelmed a lacklustre Blacktown City 4-0 at the Croatian Sports Centre.

The result meant a few things. Not only did it just about ensure first spot for the tri-colours but it also put a huge dent in the semi-final aspirations of Blacktown and put them in danger of being relegated to the State League next season.

With only nine minutes gone Croatia made the Demons pay dearly for a catastrophic concentration lapse in defence.

A Zeljko Jurin corner eluded the Blacktown defence, goalkeeper Barry Hoare, usually so safe fumbled the ball and Graham Arnold was on hand to slam the ball in from close range.

A minute later Jurin had a headed goal disallowed for pushing but he made amends moments after when he swooped onto a comic array of defensive blunders by Blacktown to then slot the ball in between the legs of Hoare.

By this time Croatia had well and truly shaken City's foundations and brought them further to ground after 36 minutes when Wally Savor grabbed his first goal of the season and for that matter his first in a very long time.

A cross was again badly cleared by the less than demonic defence. Savor ran at the last line, the ball bobbled cleanly into his path and he stuck the ball into the top of the net.

Croatia showed no



Sydney Croatia's Vedran Rozic. He'll be back in two weeks time.

signs of missing Vedran Rozic (out with a broken cheekbone) and the suspended Zarko Odzakovic and their Yugoslav import Ivo Petkovic dominated the middle of the park and did as he pleased.

Petkovic had a hand in his sides fourth and final goal as his pass found Manis Lamond sprinting into the area. Lamond's shot was only parried by the keeper and Arnold was on hand to poach his second goal of the afternoon.

Rozic was pleased with the way the side went on with the job without himself and Odzakovic.

"The boys were excellent. They knew what they had to do, they are

professionals.

"It was an open game, the sort we enjoy and although we created many chances I was a little disappointed we only got four," he said matter of factly.

Rozic was beaming when he learned Olympic had gone down. "Though the title is just about ours we will continue to play the way we always have in the last couple of games."

"I will make sure of this as I will return for the last game at home against Inter Monaro. It has been a hard year as all the sides have battled to make the top 14 but now we shall prepare for the finals."

Blacktown's Casey De Bruin was as despondent as any coach on the

end of a 4-0 hiding could be: "We gave away the first two goals with silly mistakes. You can't expect to come back after going two down so early on, especially the way we played. There was absolutely no commitment."

"Nothing went for us in the middle. We didn't compete, it is as simple as that. You just couldn't compare the side to the one that played so well last week."

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson, Savor, M.Kovacic, Rumora (A.Kovacic 63), Jennings, Rezo (Dragicevic 60), Clinch, Jurin, Arnold, Petkovic, Lamond. **BLACKTOWN CITY:** Hoare, Willis, Ainsworth, Northam, Knight, Byrne (Quarmby 63), Kay, Denyer, Sandy (Sharpe 46), Carroll, Thornthwaite. Referee: Roger Doneau. Crowd: 6375.

MOFFITT MOPS UP FOR THE SAINTS

ALTHOUGH St George had the upper hand until early in the second half, it wasn't until young Craig Moffitt replaced Miklos Orsagh that the sparks began to fly.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

The score stood at 1-1 when Moffitt edged goals home in the 63rd and 66th minutes to put the result beyond Inter-Monaro's grasp.

The 3-1 result was admitted as a fair result by Monaro's co-coaches Steve Hoszowski and Harry Williams.

Afterwards Harry Williams said that his team could have done with the services of Atti Carbone, Joe Gagetti and Ricky Budini, all of whom were out with yellow fever on the day.

Williams, no mean defender himself, was quick to point out that the Monaro defence had missed the bus by allowing the St George attack too much space in which to complete their movements.

For Frank Arok the win spelt the virtual certainty that his team would be in the 1987 14-team league.

"We aren't without a chance of making the five as well," he added, but no doubt with the knowledge that it will require more than a miracle to take two points from Sydney City on Sunday.

Although most of the chances fell to the Saints, Monaro took over for part of the second half. One of the closest opportunities came in the 17th minute when Terry Greedy was called on to block a left-footer smashed in by Bas Giampaolo.

Pedro Ricoy, who had a great first half, came good with a nice quick stab past Hoszowski in the 32nd minute.

Monaro came back through Angelo Titilas 10 minutes later. Tony Brennan swung over his corner. Giampaolo swept the ball on in the one movement for Titilas to find the goal.

In the 58th minute Billy Willox set up Brennan to no avail, and four minutes later Moffitt came on to score twice within five minutes.

Whilst enjoying his spree and being entitled to all the credit, Moffitt could hardly claim that these two were the best struck balls from which he has ever scored.

The first resulted from a desperate goal-mouth scrimmage in which Saints showed more determination than the Monaro defence, and the second came from a full stretch knock from no more than four metres out.

The Saints pressed hard towards the end and Hoszowski blocked splendidly with his feet from Andy Koczka and then palmed the ball over from Robert O'Shea's shot.

ST GEORGE: Greedy, Skeen, R.O'Shea, J.O'Shea, Ratcliffe, M.O'Shea, Petkovski, Orsagh (Moffitt 62m), Ricoy, Koczka, Fletcher.

INTER-MONARO: Hoszowski, Tuilawa (Underwood 79m), Ambrosini, Titilas, Walsh, Wotherspoon, Willox, Djordjeski, Brennan (D'Addario 88m), Giampaolo, Perinovic. Referee: A.Owens. Crowd: 685.

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Marconi's Mark Jankovics and Apia's Terry Butler.



Marconi's Ian Gray closely tagged by Apia's Arno Bertogna.

SOCCKER'S SAD DERBY TRAGEDY MARCONI TRIUMPH

WHAT should have been a bubbling Italian extravaganza turned out to be a sad, Sydney tragedy when arch-rivals Apia and Marconi did battle at Lambert Park on Sunday.

BY TOM ANDERSON

Marconi won the clash 2-0, but really the result was secondary to the dreadful scenes that took place at the little stadium in downtown Leichhardt.

Players had no respect for themselves or their opponents whatsoever and some of the tackling and behind play incidents were brutal.

Midway through the second half the Marconi goal was pelted with missiles in a scene reminiscent of Cape Canaveral and the game had to be stopped before order was restored.

At the end of it all, the referee was attacked and the Marconi players were involved in scuffles with spectators.

Also, Apia player Lou Dounis got his marching orders in the 37th

whistle with little or no effect.

Why on earth Pollard, in his first season in the NSL, was given this appointment in the first place is a mystery that only can be answered by the NSL administrators.

This was always going to be an explosive clash and an experienced referee should have been employed.

But, like so many times in the past this season this did not happen and once again the image of soccer in Sydney has taken a battering.

It's something that could have been averted had commonsense prevailed and a senior official appointed and the

Marconi's opening goal came from a fine pass from Rod Brown that caught the Apia defence napping and Gunning finished it off well.

Mark Jankovics, who came on as substitute for Gunning at the interval, showed all his class and experience to head the second following a free kick from Peter Tredin-

nick and a head on from Rod Brown.

The rest of the action is best not recorded as it was bitter, bad tempered and downright spiteful.

If ever a match needed the firm control of a experienced referee it was this one.

Unfortunately this

was not to be and yet another sad chapter in Sydney soccer has been recorded.

APIA: Pezzano; Bozanic, Bertogna, Brown, Stewart; Bundalo, Hristovski, Butler, Lorens; Baran (Morsello 53), Koussas (Dounis 34).

MARCONI: James; Carter, Henderson, Wheatley, Sterrey; Gray, Tredinnick, Gunning (Jankovics 45); Lowe, Brown, El Ali. Referee: Tony Pollard. Crowd: 2,964.

ADCITY ARE IN RACE AGAIN

ADELAIDE CITY charged back into the Southern Division top five play off stakes thanks to two goals in two minutes to beat a fighting Green Gully 3-1 at Olympic Sportfield and move back into third place on the League table.

BY TOM MCKAIN

While there was tension on the field as City struggled to beat the cellar dwellers there was also drama off the park.

Gully coach Gus MacLeod was ordered off the bench in the 38th minute by SA referee Jim Rossis for allegedly shouting at linesman Sam Caminitti and Rossis.

As he went through the enclosure gate heading for the grandstand a spectator is alleged to have kicked the coach on the thigh.

Two policemen pounced on the offender and removed him from the ground.

Even home fans were sympathetic towards MacLeod and his team as there were some strange decisions on the lines and the field.

However, the day was City's but Gully made them fight for the full 90 minutes.

The Victorians scored first through Danny Ward, easily the best man on the field, in the 35th minute when he hit the ball home after robbing home fullback Paul Shillabeer.

With a minute to go to half time midfielder Soceroo Sergio Melta pelted from the penalty spot after former Adelaide City player Les Carter handballed a cross from a Charlie Villani corner.

Gully still looked good and turned on some brilliant soccer in the second half through Tommy Cumming, Ward, Scott Fraser and Stuart Cannell who was playing as a twin striker.

They looked good until the 83rd minute when home midfielder Aurelio Vidmar got the ball in midfield, went for a run and slipped the ball to Villani on the right of the box and it finished in the back of the net.

Two minutes later

Melta struck from the right of the box from a low cross by Vidmar who had again taken on the Gully defence on the left.

For a bottom team the Victorians looked like anything but relegation material, but as City coach Zoran Matic pointed out they had nothing to lose.

"Every game is a fight now, and teams which are favourite will find they have to struggle," he said.



CHARLIE VILLANI

"We may not win the Southern Division title but we will make the top five play offs and I still say we are in for a chance of winning the National Championship."

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Shillabeer, Tobin, Nyskohus, Flounders, Melta, Santrac (Maxwell h-t), Villani, Mullen, Wilde, Vidmar.

GREEN GULLY: Denys, Hogen, Douglas, Fraser, Cannell, Quigley, Theodosopoulos, Carter, Ward, McClelland, Cumming. Referee: J Rossis, SA. Crowd: 1671.

GOSLING'S RETURN INSPIRES ROSEBUDS

NEWCASTLE Rosebud United's 1987 National League crusade continued on Saturday night with a 2-nil win over Canterbury-Marrickville at the Adamstown Sportsground.

The two match points are invaluable in the Rosebud's fight to stay in next season's 14-team league.

The return of New Zealand international goalkeeper Clint Gosling appeared to give Rosebud greater confidence.

Gosling, still feeling the effects of the slipped disc that kept him out of last Saturday's game against Blacktown City, was faultless and proved his great value with three outstanding saves in the first half.

Canterbury played the more constructive football in the first half and it was left to Gosling to deal effectively with stinging shots from Peter Zrilic in the 14th minute and Dennis Fterniat in two minutes from the end of a scoreless first half.

Canterbury had shown commendable skills and attacked in numbers, but lacked a finisher to capitalise on the lead-up work.

Yet, despite Canterbury's free-flowing style that produced some slick tongue-and-groove

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

passing, it was Rosebuds who came closest to scoring in the first period.

Earlier, chances had fallen to John McQuarrie and Ralph Maier, before Sean Ingham broke clear in the 18th minute only to see his right foot shot rebound off the left upright.

Rosebuds took the initiative from the start of the second half and the Canterbury keeper Ian Barker, saved from midfielder Paul Crabtree shortly before Maier missed the goal from a handy position.

Rosebuds slowly began to gain control and Bobby Naumov crossed from the right for McQuarrie, whose volley missed narrowly.

But Rosebud's persistence was rewarded in the 63rd minute. Fullback John Cavanah served a pass to Maier and the former Youth International waltzed his way past three defenders to set up a chance that Naumov

accepted and beat Barker with a 12 metre drive.

Burin Zaimi and Peter Zrilic were prominent as Canterbury continued to break and Cavanah, Neil Owens and Ian Bannon worked overtime in the Rosebud defence.

McQuarrie brought a great save from Barker in the 69th minute, but the pressure dropped off Rosebuds three minutes later.

Naumov made his break on the right and centred and Ingham, clear of his marker put Rosebuds two up with a superb right foot hook shot.

Near the end, Ingham capped this with a 60 metre run that shook off two defenders and only another fine save by Barker kept the Rosebud score at two.

Queensland referee Gordon Nicholson booked three players — John Radman and George Haniotis of Canterbury and Rosebud's John McQuarrie.

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUDS: Gosling, Maier, Garland, Bannon, Owens, Cavanah, McQuarrie, Crabtree (McGuinness 88), Naumov, Ingham, Heap.

CANTERBURY: Barker, Haniotis, Svinas, Radman, Akoutas, Kalogeras, Godzik, Zaimi, Gorges, Zrilic, Fterniat. Referee: G Nicholson. Crowd: 1350.



ROBBIE WHEATLEY



GEOFF GUNNING

minute for an alleged head butt on Marconi's Tony Henderson.

Dounis had only been in the action for three minutes when he came on as substitute for Mark Koussas, who was injured in a clash with Henderson.

In between all the nonsense Geoff Gunning in the sixth minute and Mark Jankovics in the 59th minute scored for Marconi.

And while it was all happening — in a similar fashion to Nero, who fiddled while Rome burned — greenhorn referee Tony Pollard tooled a merry tune on his

NSL must now stand up and be counted.

There is no excuse for what happened at Lambert Park and such scenes cannot be tolerated.

However it was brought about by sheer frustration from the players, coaches and spectators over some of the decisions of referee Pollard.

From the kick-off — indeed in the first two minutes there were two fouls — one from each side that could and maybe should have earned red cards.

From then on it got worse.

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Sth Melbourne's Peter Laumets in action.

STH MELBOURNE LUCKY TO WIN GREEK DERBY

IN THE all Greek derby at Middle Park South Melbourne Hellas escaped with the two points when they downed West Adelaide Hellas 2-1 last Sunday.

I use the word escaped because overall it was the visitors who had played the better football even if they did not manage to penetrate the South Melbourne defence when it really mattered.

South Melbourne coach John Margaritis was obviously pleased with the win and although his team did not impress he was quick to point out that the side had undergone big changes in the last 12 months.

"You cannot afford to lose top players like Oscar Crino (presently playing in Cyprus), John Yzendoorn (now playing with Brunswick Juventus), Alan Davidson (unavailable because of business commitments), Doug Brown (now playing with Heidelberg) and Kenny Murphy (injured) and hope to remain a competitive side," Margaritis said after the game.

He added: "My boys are under a lot of pressure at the moment, especially from the fans who always expect us to win but what they fail to realise is that the side has been unsettled and the youngsters I am trying out like Chris Andriotis and Manny Anezakis are very inexperienced at senior level."

In fact it was Andriotis first full game for South Melbourne but was to be a memorable one as his two goals helped put his team just one point out of the top five in the Southern Division table.

The game last Sunday was a very competitive affair virtually from the kickoff and it was apparent early on that both defences were going to

be in for a busy afternoon.

However, it was South Melbourne who looked the more dangerous in front of goals especially with their skillful duo of Charlie Egan and Danny Crainnie involved in every move.

Carl Halford had forced West's keeper Gary Sproul into a fine reflex save in the 12th minute after he had been well served by Egan.

And it was Crainnie who provided the inspiration after 25 minutes when he picked out young Andriotis with a perfect through ball which allowed the South Melbourne forward ample time to beat the oncoming Sproul to open the scoring.

This was in fact, the story of the first 45 minutes. Territorily Wests were outplaying their more fancied opponents but more importantly they were unable to threaten the South Melbourne goal and in particular keeper Peter Laumets, who was not pestered whatsoever.

The second half was heading in the same direction until George Konstandopolous managed to equalise for the visitors in the 58th minute when he snuck in to put away the loose ball after South Melbourne had failed to clear from a corner.

Both sweepers were doing fine jobs for their respective clubs. Socceroo and West Adelaide sweeper Charlie Yankos was the instigator of many promising attacks while his counterpart Gary McDowall (also an Australian National) was always in complete control at the other end.



BY CARLO DEL PORTO

Yankos had opted to use the off side trap to stifle many of South Melbourne's ventures forward but it all turned sour in the 73rd minute when Andriotis beat the trap to score his second goal and again give his team the lead.

It was a touch and go decision as to whether Andriotis was in an offside position when he received the ball but despite some vigorous protests from the West Adelaide players international referee Chris Baimbridge and his linesman were in no doubt and allowed the goal to stand.

STH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Postecoglou, Russell, Blair, McDowall, Anezakis, Halford, Miranda, Crainnie, Egan, Andriotis, (subs Van den Bergh and Mihos).

WEST ADELAIDE: Sproul, Brown, Honeyman, Yankos, Scott, Hristodolou, Manou (Hirne), Konstandopolous, Ward, Panagis, Atsalas (Price).

IN an extremely entertaining clash at the Schintler Reserve top side Footscray JUST and third placed Heidelberg shared the points in a nil-all draw.

Hero of the day was none other than Heidelberg keeper Jeff Olver who again saved a penalty, this time foiling Ernie Tapai's attempt in the 26th minute.

Heidelberg forward Doug Brown could easily have snatched a last gasp goal but his chip shot was off target and justice prevailed as

neither team deserved to lose on the day.

FOOTSCRAY: Nikitovic, Petrovski (Bozinovski) (Latif), Barjaktaric, Caric, Vukovic, Belic, Tapai, Stosic, Lujic, Curovic, Spink.

HEIDELBERG: Olver, Marley, McKie, Hunter, Selemidis, Wilson, Tsolakis, Pappas, Kanesoulis (Lucchesi), Ousakas, Brown.

UNFORTUNATELY what will be remembered about this encounter is the rather unsavoury incident that occurred in the 80th minute when an onfield melee broke out after Sunshine's Don McClaren and Preston's Ian Dobson traded punches.

McClaren and Dobson were both sent off in a game that failed to produce any clear cut chances to speak of.

SUNSHINE: Keogh, Campbell, Parton, James, Richardson, Faulkner, McClaren (sent off 80), Glider, Bain, Markovski (Mitten), Edwards.

PRESTON: Triandis, Opasinas, Roodhouse, Ilioski, Dobson (sent off 80), Heys, Cole, Lane, McClennan, Smith Slivkas (Van Edmond).

THIS game was a strange affair in that for the most part Melbourne Croatia hardly did enough to earn the two points.

Lou Abrahams had put Croatia ahead after just one minute but early defender Dave MacIntosh had helped Brisbane equalise with an unfortunate own goal just before half time.

Brisbane impressed for long periods of the game and were headed for what seemed to be a creditable draw when in the 88th minute they fell behind again in unusual circumstances when Croatian winger Josif Biskic's corner kick sailed directly into the net to give his team the lucky two points.

MELB CROATIA: Runje, MacIntosh, Hannah, Campbell, Christaldo (Gojevic), Biskic, Redmond, Talajic, Abrahams, Gagula (Marcovic) Lewis.

BRISBANE CITY: Harrison, Fabrizio, Vasquez, Perry, Archer, Reis, Mengotti, Catalano (Caird), Milosevic, White, Cooper.

THE ROAR IS BACK IN BRISBANE LIONS

BRISBANE Lions created history and at the same time proved they were worthy NSL candidates for next year with an emphatic 4-1 win over reigning champions Brunswick Juventus at Richlands.

BY GREG RUSSELL

The victory gave Lions their fourth consecutive NSL win — the most number of consecutive successes in the NSL for the Brisbane team over the past decade.

After trailing 1-nil at the break Lions in the second half demolished the Melbourne side in a performance which was probably the best 45 minutes the Brisbane team has ever played in the National competition.

Two goals from Danny Wright, one from the penalty spot and others from Jim Morton and John Ogden negated Andrew Zinni's first half effort.

After the match Lions coach Col Bennett was elated and predicted his side could still make the top 14 for next year's NSL.

"After that performance I wish we were in the top five. The way we are playing at the moment I think we would go close to winning it (the Grand Final).

"That has got to be one of the top games of the year. Not many sides could score four goals in the second half, let alone against the National champions," Bennett said.

With so much hinging on these final games, Lions were psyched for a victory against Brunswick. But it was the National champions

who started the strongest

But after the early onslaught Lions began dominating with their defensive back four of Russell Stewart, Frank Liddell, Steve Jackson and Alan Niven being almost impenetrable.

Indeed, Brunswick's 32nd minute goal was against the play and came from a corner which resulted after a misunderstanding between Niven and Evans.

From the corner Robert Cullen crossed to the near post where Zinni turned and slipped a shot under Evans which then took a deflection and went into the net.

But Lions could have had two goals at least themselves in the first half with Ogden, Stewart and Morton all having shots either blocked or cleared off the line.

Lions levelled terms with a goal which Sydney referee Richard Lorenc needed a ruling from his linesman, Roger Marshall.

The move began with a Brett Druery shot which deflected to Morton and his snap effort hit the underside of the crossbar, bounced down and out of the goal where Yakka Banovic dived onto it. But Mar-

shall moved the ball had crossed the line when it had hit the ground on the rebound.

The penalty came after Banovic fouled Morton, who was breaking on the left after good lead up from Ogden and Niven.

Although Niven and Morton have been Lions' two penalty takers this year, youngster Wright was given the pressure kick.

And the former Socceroo showed no signs of being affected by that pressure when he sent Banovic to the right and calmly slotted his kick into the bottom left hand corner.



DANNY WRIGHT

Brunswick completely fell away from that moment and Lions were always going to win. In the 85th minute Ogden scored with a screaming 25 metre shot while Wright scored his second in the final minute when he blasted into the net from close range.

LIONS: Evans, R Stewart, Liddell, Jackson, Niven, Anderson, J Stewart, Ogden, Druery (Richardson 80), Wright, Morton.

BRUNSWICK: Banovic, Lewis, Brown, Wade, Cullen, Incantaluipo, Zinni, Petersen, Palatsidis, Campbell, Patterson. Referee: R Lorenc. Crowd: 1171.

SAAD'S GOAL WAS THE DIFFERENCE

BY KEN HEALEY

AN Abaas Saad goal in the 32nd minute was all that separated Canberra City Olympians and Sydney City in a very close grafting match at the Bruce Stadium.

The Slickers took the field without the suspended Frank Farina and injured Gerardo Gomez, but Canberra lost their two strikers, Ian Gibson and Terry Byrne on the morning of the match when their injuries failed to respond to treatment.

Canberra's Player-coach Steve Bryant was forced to push himself into the front line besides young Tony Lemezzina, who was starting his first NSL match, and Gardener Murray made his debut in the midfield.

The 'bits and pieces' Canberra team and the Slickers, each had only three clear shots during the game. Saad's goal was hit from close in when he took a short pass from midfielder, Tommy McCulloch.

Slickers' goalkeeper,

Brett Hughes and his cross-bar, each saved once in the first half from Lemezzina whilst Anthony Franken made two of his usual breath-taking saves after half-time. One was from Jean-Paul de Marigny in the 61st minute and the other from substitute Ian Souness two minutes before the end.

Canberra's substitute, Ray Junna, headed just inches wide before Souness' shot and that was the sum of goal-mouth action.

Souness replaced Murray Barnes in the midfield with 16 minutes to go but by that time Canberra's make-shift midfield had begun to dominate.

Augusto Palacios continually beat two or three men and often found young Lemezzina in the first half. The lad however drifted out of

the game in the second session and Palacios lacked a target-man to hit.

John Kosmina earned himself a yellow card from referee Rob Davies, and thus a suspension for next Sunday's clash against St George. Kosmina was booked for smacking former team-mate Jimmy Cant across the mouth.

Davies let play flow with an intelligent display but neither team showed the fine skills needed to breach a strong defence.

Cant had his usual strong game for Canberra while McCulloch and Hughes looked the best for the Slickers.

CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS: Franken: Dunn, Harkins, Cant, Matzle: Sermann, Hamilton, Murray (Junna 54th): Bryant, Palacios, Lemezzina.

SYDNEY CITY: Hughes: Hooker, De Marigny, Robertson, O'Connor, Barnes, (Souness 74th), McCulloch, Watson, Kosmina, Lee, Saad. Referee: R Davies. Crowd: 701.

ASW'S JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY

NSL REVERTS RIGHT BACK TO SQUARE ONE . . .

UNFORTUNATELY, I cannot share the optimism of many of our administrators over the 14-team National League next season.

In case you've missed it, the NSL, now 10 years old, will revert to its original one league 14-team format.

To achieve its original look, the National League will axe 10 of its 24 teams, using an unbelievable formula to decide which teams stay in and which teams go to the wall.

The criteria is based on past record (40 per cent) current 1986 playing record (50 pc) and crowd support (10 pc).

The financial backing, youth policy, home ground facility, community involvement, decentralisation, sponsorship, financial security and other more important criteria have been neglected by those who came up with this weird formula.

But all that is really another story.

As the quotable Charlie Perkins says, the reorganisation does nothing to solve club Soccer's problem.

It is, he says, like thinking that a re-arrangement of the deck chairs on the Titanic will prevent the ship from going down.

I have to agree with him, despite the fact that I have been one of the National League's greatest supporters.

I was heavily involved before day one in the National League, first with St George, who along with Sydney City were the instigators of the NL.

And later, with Canberra City who were among the few who really made the League possible by putting their money where their mouth was.

Unlike many who now control the NSL, Canberra City and company went in boots and all and,



ironically, will almost certainly be axed while others who vigorously opposed the League will qualify, thanks to an NSL formula which gives nothing to those who have backed it from day one.

But the new-look League doesn't excite me or for that matter the average Soccer supporter who really is looking for something extra from the game in this country.

St George versus Footscray, Sydney City against Adelaide City, Apia playing Preston or whatever, will not attract more spectators next season nor will it alter the direction of club Soccer.

Disturbing also to me is that ground facilities, so crucial to a new club's acceptance into the NL in the early days, is now forgotten.



STEFAN KAMASZ

Sydney Olympic and Apia, for example, can still get away with Pratten and Lambert Parks respectively whereas these facilities were totally unacceptable when the League kicked off.

Again, the new format will, sorry to say, achieve nothing in this vital area.

Club Soccer needs a more drastic reorganisation to succeed in a highly competitive sporting market.

Pro-NSL people will tell you crowds are up this year.

What they won't tell you, however, is that this is due almost solely to the fact that Sydney's two top crowd pullers — Sydney Olympic and Sydney Croatia — are top of the table, and also that because 10 per cent of the criteria for winning a place in next year's League is due to crowd support, most clubs are exaggerating their crowd figures.

I didn't believe I would ever support it, but Australian Soccer has to revert to State Leagues.

Great Soccer nations like Brazil, a country similar in size to Australia, exist quite adequately on State Leagues with a national playoff series at the end of the season to determine the national champion.

Australian Soccer should follow suit.

State Leagues with, say, the top four teams from Sydney and Melbourne, the top two from Adelaide and Brisbane and the top team from Wollongong, Newcastle, Canberra and Perth playing off in the national club championship would be the best solution for our club Soccer at the moment.

WHERE TO NOW FOR SOCCER IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL?

WHERE to now for Soccer in the national capital?

With almost inevitable relegation facing Inter-Monaro and Canberra City Olympians from the National League, that is the most talked about point in Canberra Soccer circles at the moment.

Somewhat ironically it will be almost ten years to the day since Canberra threw its hat into the new National League concept on September 21 1976, and now Canberra City Olympians and Inter-Monaro will almost certainly play their last game in the competition on September 14 1986.

Should the proposed relegation eventuate it leaves top Soccer in a dilemma in the ACT as to where it should concentrate its energies.

A place has been kept for both clubs in the proposed new NSW State League, while leading ACT club Croatia Deakin has ambitions of playing in the NSW Second Division.

The feeling in Canberra thought is that it is

pointless any of these clubs participating in State League unless they have ambitions of winning their way back to the National League.

And as Canberra has painfully found out over the years, without considerable financial backing it is impossible to compete successfully at the national level.

Had Canberra enjoyed the resources to retain the Farinas, Lamonds, and now apparently Franken, it could compete.

To be forced to sell top players to stay in business and to the overall detriment of the team has been Canberra's perennial problem.

In basic terms, National League is too much for one Soccer social club to support, whether that club be the City

Club, Downer Olympic, Inter-Monaro or Croatia Deakin.

The answer for Canberra is simple - in theory that is. All leading clubs could combine to have one team which represents the city of Canberra.

Which is all easier said than done, and unfortunately highly unlikely.

It would be like Sydney City, St George, Blacktown and Marconi combining resources to have one Sydney team.

So without a combined effort including all Soccer clubs in Canberra, National League ambitions are beyond any one Canberra club.

The alternative, and one gaining considerable ground in the national capital, is to revamp the ACT League with Canberra City Olympians, Croatia Deakin, Inter-Monaro, Belconnen United, the City Club, Juventus and perhaps the AIS having its own league.

This local league would be supplemented

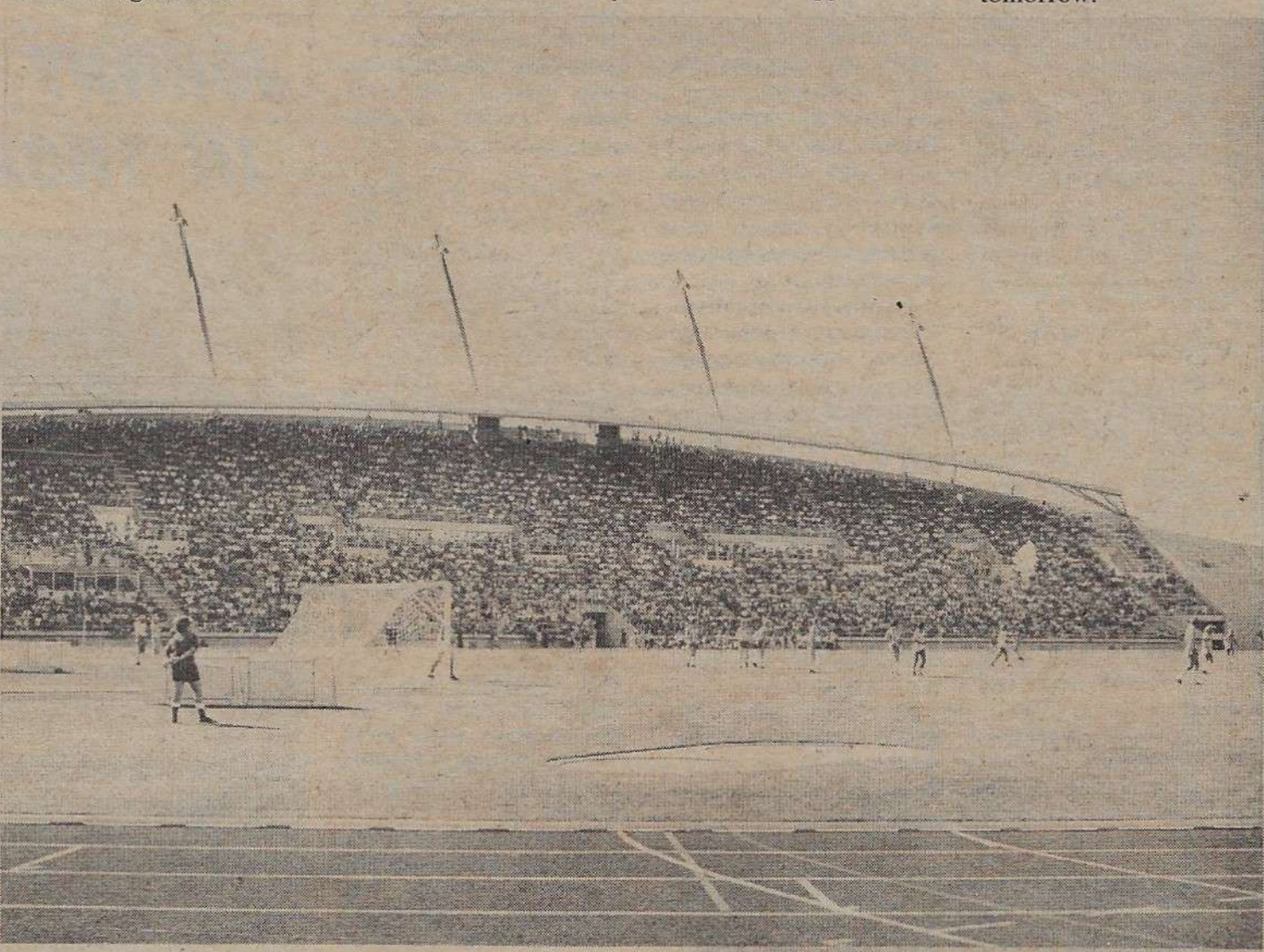


This week JOHNNY WARREN looks at Canberra without National League

with interstate and international tournaments throughout the season.

Perhaps a step backwards in some respects, but the idea has a lot of support.

And for the many who have supported the national concept from day one it would be a far more satisfactory, and considerably less painful financial experience than the NSL of today - or for that matter the NSW Super League of tomorrow.



BRUCE STADIUM— THOSE WERE THE DAYS - MY FRIENDS!

THE National Soccer League crowds at Bruce Stadium have decreased - will this excellent ground now be a top venue for leading ACT games?

A THOUGHT PROVOKING JOHNNY WARREN VIEWPOINT REPRODUCED BY COURTESY OF THE SYDNEY SUN-HERALD

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CHIT CHAT — Behind the scene at your club

ASW's TERRY GREEDY is full of praise for his St. George team-mate **ANDY KOCZKA**.

Since Greedy has returned to the Saints line-up the Arok-coached side has hit a mean winning streak but 'Shilton' gives a lot of credit to Koczka for the sudden resurgence.

"Andy has a lot more skill than he is given credit for. He's the type of player who catches defences by surprise," says the man now renowned for his satirical writing.

"Now we have someone who can hold the ball up and along with this we have Graeme Fletcher, who has hit form at the right time. I thought he played his best game for us against Marconi."

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COMMENDABLE stuff from current Captain Socceroo — **JOHN KOSMINA**.

Kossie has put his family before all else and he seems certain to miss the Aussie tour to China in November in defence of the Ampol Cup because his wife Judy is expecting a baby at that same time.

Says the long-serving Green and Gold striker: "The national side is to leave for China on November 3 and the baby is expected in the second week in November. I cannot leave Judy on her own and unless the baby is born early, I just will not be able to travel."

"I have explained the situation to national coach Frank Arok and he is fully aware of it."

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IT's good to see medals being struck for players who served their country internationally, and particularly in the World Cup.

And for SA fans it would be nice to see a medal struck for little "buzzbomb" Johnny Nyskohus.

Not only was he a great player, but he has proved a mighty State League team coach for Beograd, and also pulled on his boots once more to help out his club — dropping back from the attack to sweep.

FRANK FARINA is considered by many the answer to some of the problems up front that have appeared for the Soccerroos.

Even so the Sydney City winger has even been talked about as a possible wide playing midfielder.



JOHN KOSMINA — commendable cause.

IT has been nicknamed 'Soccer's Black Sunday'.

Round 18 of the OASL on Sunday the 18th of August.

Look at some of these startling stats... At St. George Stadium, referee Richard Lorenc was pelted with missiles as he left the pitch.

After the Sydney Olympic v Sydney City match, Olympic president Tom Doumanis was quoted as saying: "Anyone could have told you that this was going to be one of the toughest games of the season to handle, yet we were forced to be the bunnies. Some of our players are black and blue from the tackling."

He also said he would make an official complaint to the OASL about Lorenc's performance.

In the APIA v Canberra match the visitors from the national capital finished with only eight players on the field.

After the third player was sent off, a Canberra official wanted to take all the players off the ground.

At Seiffert Oval, referee Roger Doneau issued one red card and no less than eight yellows during the Inter Monaro v Canterbury game.

Internationals Charlie Yankos and Mike Petersen were both given their marching orders also in other games of the OASL.

THE current Australian midfielders seem to lack the fluency of their recent predecessors including Oscar Crino, Joe Watson, Jim Patikas and Zarko Odzakov.

Odzakov is taking time to settle into the role of playmaker, Paul Wade runs well off the ball and has a fine work rate but not the silken touches of the previous partnership and as mentioned Graham Arnold could be better serving up front. Gary McDowall is a trier and Kenny Murphy is the great workhorse.

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NO NAMES, but we take our hats off to the referee who said "no" to a certain National League game.

With so much hinging on end-of-season results, he indicated a "neutral" whistler should be brought in. And he was.



FRANK FARINA

THE Northern NSW first division have quite a few players who are known well past the boundaries of Newcastle. Kerry Caban, formerly with APIA-Leichhardt, is pounding in a few goals for Lake Macquarie, whilst Roy Drinkwater is player-coach of Austral. Brett Cowburn, who might have become one of the top players produced in Newcastle for a long time, is starting with West Wallsend. Brett Gemmell turns out with Highfields and Joe Senkalski and often John McQuarrie are with Adamstown. They hold dual registrations with Newcastle NSL team.

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STEVE McNally is back in the Adelaide City goal after a seven-week lay-off because of a thumb injury. But he is not just interested in helping City to a place in the Top Five play-offs.

An original member of the National squad for the games against Czechoslovakia, he is out to impress Socceroo coach, Frank Arok who promised him another chance if he held form after he pulled out with his injury.



JOHNNY KNOCKED IN THOSE GOALS



JOHNNY GIACOMETTI ... star scorer with APIA

JOHNNY GIACOMETTI was the APIA player who packed Lambert Park every time he played.

The compactly-build dynamo could strike a dead ball with a lethal accuracy that has rarely if ever been equalled before or since.

In 1964 he headed the NSW scorers table, leading players of the quality of George Yardley (St George), Errol Freeme (South Coast), John Keddie (Cumberland), John Watkiss (APIA) and Johnny Warren (St George).

The APIA team topped the NSW First Division that year.

Playing along with Giacometti were Jim Sambrook, John Watkiss, Archie Blue, Robert Campana, Cliff van Blerk, Fil Bottalico, Billy Kerlaan, Bill Rorke, Pat Hughes, Stan Ackerley, Graeme McKinnon and George Nuttall.

THE QUOTE OF THE WEEK: From OASL vice-chairman Tony Labbozzetta on the subject of some of the 'over-vigorous' play lately.

"The way players go out to deliberately chop opponents suggests they have been fed on raw meat."

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KEVIN COLEMAN, one-time the heart of the Croatia midfield in Sydney, called in on to see his former club last week. Kevin recently gave up playing at Ipswich in the Queensland State League and is now enjoying his football with Rochdale.

THE pressure will be on the Adelaide populace when the Nanda Cup Final comes their way in a few weeks.

On past crowd figures for big matches, especially internationals involving Australia, the people just haven't been turning up and this could be the last chance for the City of Churches.

If the Croweaters don't pack Hindmarsh Stadium for the final they may as well give up any chance of hosting another international as other venues such as Perth and Townsville could be more viable to the Australian Soccer Federation.

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"We are enrolling widows at the rate of 130 each month."

"The numbers are not expected to peak until around 1997."

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You can help Legacy by buying a badge on their Annual Appeal Day, September 5.

This year Legacy will need \$5 million to carry out their work.

CHIT CHAT — Behind the scene at your club

ATTI ABONYI hasn't lost his hunger for goals.

playing in the Illawarra first division with Corrimal Rangers, Abonyi found the net 20 times in just 22 matches and the Rangers have roared their way to a Championship success.

Corrimal have a long tradition and it seemed fitting the former ace World Cup striker should add a touch of glamour to their big season.

They were dropped from the Premier League last season despite having the best ground in Illawarra but are back after just one year away.

Abonyi's former international partner, Adrian "Noddy" Alston, is coaching the side with Terry Hurley who says Abonyi has been a great asset.

"He got his 20 goals from the midfield and still has a lovely touch when he's on the ball," Hurley said.

"The young blokes in our team learnt a lot playing alongside him."

Hurley and Alston will take the club back into the Premier League next season but Abonyi has decided to hang up his boots AGAIN.

"I have enjoyed the season with Corrimal and they have the basis of a good squad but they realise they need to strengthen a number of positions for next year," Abonyi said.

That task is already in hand and five experienced newcomers will be at Memorial Park for 1987.



From left: TERRY GREEDY — impressed with Andy Koczka, ALAN DAVIDSON — back on the scene and CHARLIE YANKOS — sent-off on 'Black Sunday'.

GRAHAM HONEYMAN, Adelaide Hellas captain, has done it again.

After picking up the Australian Soccer Press Player of the Year award last season, he has already collected the Fairmont Homes Pacific Real Estate \$1000 award as SA's top national league player with three rounds still to be played.

SYDNEY CITY is at present framing its budget for participation in the 1987 14 team League. "No decision has been made to go to the Hakoah Club board for an additional \$100,000 to finance our activities for the year," said Soccer club chairman, Andrew Kemeny.

"Any statement of that nature is not helpful. We won't know the position with funds until just before the beginning of the season."

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LAST week we mentioned Marshall Soper's name as a reserve for the Sydney Olympic game in Canberra. However it turned out that he was an original selection and was never to be on the bench.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA is still fighting to legalise poker machines — but is getting nearer the magic goal.

However, until they do, clubs will have to make do with bingo, and Adelaide City is about to launch a spectacular two-days a week program.

WOLLONGONG CITY's burly defender **RAY VLIETSTRA**, the former youth international, wants to get back on the park as quickly as possible. He damaged his ankle ligaments in the Newcastle game and it could be a week or two yet before he is back.

GOOD news to hear that **ALAN DAVIDSON** has sorted out his business problems and is back in training with South Melbourne. The Australian right-back problem could well be solved now, with its' original owner ready, willing and able.

GRAHAM ARNOLD is a man without a certain position in the Australian team as yet ... not that he hasn't got a spot, but the question is where he will play.

A couple of weeks ago Assistant National coach **EDDIE THOMSON** said: "Graham's future with the Socceroos may be as a deep-lying midfielder rather than a target man."

"I've always considered Arnold to be more dangerous up front, but suddenly he has something much more to offer to national coach Frank Arok."

In the first two games against Czechoslovakia, 'Arnie' was in fine fettle and looked the part in making forays from deep to get into scoring positions but in the final match at the Parramatta Stadium he didn't seem to be able to get it together with his midfield partners.

Maybe he would be the perfect partner for Kossie up front.

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ATTACK-MITRE 1974 RE-UNION



MANFRED SCHAEFER. Born February 12, 1943

MANFRED made his first appearance for Australia in 1967 on a slippery, treacherous pitch in Saigon's Cong Hoa Stadium.

In this match, Schaefer launched himself into the fray and into the Australian team for some seven years until after the 1974 World Cup Finals.

Rugged and indestructible, Schaefer was known as the "Iron Man" to the Australian public, but when he played in Germany in the World Cup finals, he was referred to by the German press as "The Milkman". The reason

was because of Manfred's then milk round in the Liverpool area of Sydney.

Born in Germany, Schaefer came to Australia when he was 12 and started his football with the Blacktown juniors before joining St. George, the only club with which he played senior football.

A fitness fanatic, Manfred dropped out of international football in 1971 because of work pressures.

Many will recall his exploits on the field. Of those who were there who could forget the way he crushed the Wolverhampton Wanderers attack in Melbourne, or

the extraordinary game he had against Israel in Sydney, 1969, or the outcome for a poor Iraqi player in Melbourne in 1973?

The Wilson-Schaefer centre-back partnership was the most important single ingredient of the 1970-74 team.

The highlight of Manfred's career was playing against West Germany in 1974 and marking the great Gerd Muller in the finals of the World Cup.

He retired from the field of play on his return but took over as St. George coach in 1976-77.

He now coaches Sydney Olympic.



MANFRED SCHAEFER in action for Australia and (inset) Ray Gatt.

ON October 5, the day of the Northern Division Grand Final, the biggest re-union match of the 1974 Socceroos ever staged will kick off at 1pm.

Not since Col 'Bunny' Curran's testimonial in 1977 has this great team ever come together as a unit.

The match, which it is hoped can be staged annually, will be against the best talents that the Australian Soccer Media can muster.

The game will run half an hour each way.

Starting from this week ASW will spotlight the players of both sides as a build up to the match.

This week we present Manfred Schaefer, well known for his Socceroo and St George club exploits, and well known journalist Ray Gatt.



RAY GATT

NAME: RAY GATT

MEDIA SOURCE: Sydney Morning Herald

BIRTHDATE and PLACE: 11-9-54 in Balmain (Tiger Town)

NICKNAME: Gatty or TJ

WEIGHT and HEIGHT: 12 stone? and 5'9"

FAVOURITE FOOD: Italian and Seafood

FAV MUSIC: Late 50's and 60's, Rock 'n' Roll, Dire Straits

FAV HOLIDAY RESORT: Bateman's Bay, Nelson's Bay

FAV OTHER SPORTS: Golf

FEARS: Colliding with Ray Richards on October 5!

LIKES: Sport, music and the Balmain Rugby League team

DISLIKES: Knockers and slow golfers

AGE FIRST STARTED SOCCER: Ten

FAVOURITE TEAM: Liverpool in England

FAV ALL-TIME PLAYER/S: Joe Watson and Steve Heighway

GENERAL THOUGHTS ON "THE" MATCH: It is a great idea. I can only hope that I don't break down - or Manny Schaefer doesn't tackle too hard!

JOHNNY MIHAILIDIS

Focus on

JOHNNY MIHAILIDIS, Canberra City Olympian's 21-year-old mobile midfielder, is one of the best markers going around in the NSL.

When the occasion calls for Canberra City to have a dangerous opponent marked out of the game, young John is given the task.

Twice this year, when the team from the National Capital had to play the star-studded Sydney Olympic, Mihailidis was assigned the task of doing the "policeman's" job on Peter Raskopoulos, Olympic's skipper and playmaker.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Mihailidis has the ability to concentrate on the task given to him and will stick like glue to his target, denying his opponent space to operate.

Canberra this season has met the high-flying Olympic three times (including a Cup match), for two wins and a draw.

Mihailidis played a large part in those games with his tight marking.

Born in Stuttgart, (Mercedes Benz country), West Germany, of Greek parents, John migrated with his family to Australia at an early age to live in Melbourne.

After starting his Soccer career with Heidelberg's juniors and then graduating into the NSL, young John moved to Canberra where he has remained ever since.

Playing in the mid-field where he is flanked by experienced campaigners team captain Tommy Sermanni on his right and player-coach

Steve Bryant on his left, experience to perfect his John is rapidly gathering game.



BORN: October 9, 1964.

BIRTHPLACE: West Germany.

OCCUPATION: Studying to be an accountant as well as working part-time at the Downer Olympic Club in Canberra.

PLAYING POSITION: Central midfielder or defender.

MARITAL STATUS: Single.

CLUBS PLAYED FOR: Heidelberg and Canberra City Olympians.

DISLIKES IN SOCCER: "All injuries and all politics that are unfortunately involved in Soccer."

ADVICE FOR PREPARING AUSTRALIA FOR THE 1990 WORLD CUP IN ROME: "Australia must give much younger players a fair go to gain experience when the National squad is rebuilding for the Olympic Games and the next World Cup."

"Also, to stop all foreign players playing for Australia."

"This factor alone would provide a tremendous boost amongst the juniors to aim for National selection in later years."

FAVOURITE FOOD: Pastitio and Steaks.

FILM STARS: Sylvester Stallone and Clint Eastwood.

OTHER SPORTS: Racquet-ball and tennis.

THOUGHTS ON THE RECENT WORLD CUP FINALS IN MEXICO: "I felt that Argentina was superb."

"Added to that I have to say that I was completely shattered that in a world class event with world class players such as the World Cup Finals has, how a player such as Maradona could stand out so much."

WHAT WOULD YOU

LIKE TO SEE THE N.S.L. ADOPT TO IMPROVE SENIOR SOCCER IN AUSTRALIA?:

"A complete change of administrators who now lack the required understanding of the product they are involved with."

"The many regulations that exist now are ridiculous. For example the regulation by the League that recently blocked my club, Canberra City Olympians, from bringing out from South America a World Cup star."

"Another point is that there is too much of a gap between the current NSL Youth League and the senior League."

"By that I mean of

course in the standard of play.

"A possible solution to bridge this gap would be to wedge another level in between, say an Under 23s competition."

"Greater sponsorships are needed within the League."

"Much better playing surfaces are also desperately needed."

"Guest players coming into the League would also be a plus."

"These guest players however, must be of world class standard so that they could provide great entertainment as well as being able to learn something from them."



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MARCONI READY FOR SYDNEY OLYMPIC

MARCONI next Sunday face the visiting Sydney Olympic at home, and even without their tough ball-winning midfielder, Craig Mason, are determined to follow up their victory last Sunday against APIA to finish in either second or third spot on the League ladder.

Les Scheinflug, Marconi's manager, said last night:

"We must continue our winning streak to finish near the top to secure a second bite of the cherry in the Top Five Series."

"Despite some inconsistent results during the year, we have always been creating chances, which pleases me. But Sunday's match against Olympic will be the most important for us so far this season."

The tough-as-teak Mason will miss Sunday's match due to suspension and the equally tough Peter Tredinnick is expected to remain in the centre of Marconi's middle-line; the role he filled in last Sunday.

Sydney Olympic played some of its worst football last Sunday before deservedly going down at home 1-2 to Wollongong City.

A similar performance by Olympic on Sunday could see them on the receiving end of a sound thrashing by Marconi.

Olympic, chasing their first-ever championship just six weeks ago, have managed to crash into a

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

streak that has yielded them only a pathetic draw in their last five outings.

And as far as the goal department is concerned, Olympic has been able to knock in just two in five matches.

A part solution to their goal-scoring problem lies with their explosive, erratic striker, Marshall Soper.

SOPER OUT OF POSITION

Soper does not have the necessary explosive acceleration to bust clear as a winger. For too many weeks now Soper has been playing far too wide on the right, whereas he is at his best through the middle, and inside the box.

Peter Raskopoulos, Olympic's scheming skipper, will be back on deck on Sunday, having missed the Wollongong game due to a two weeks suspension.

Marconi have scored 32 goals this year against Olympic's 34, but Scheinflug's team has conceded 21 goals

against Olympic's 22.

Scheinflug expects his reliable right midfielder Ian Gray to start the match, despite suffering a leg injury last Sunday at Lambert Park when he crashed into the fence.

Geoff Gunning, a goalscorer against APIA last Sunday, is suffering from a slight muscle tear in his thigh but is also expected to be in Marconi's line-up.

Marconi's expected line-up for the Olympic clash is:

James: Carter, Henderson, Sterrey, Wheatley; Gray, Tredinnick, Gunning; El Ali, Brown, Lowe.



DAVID LOWE

KOSMINA TO MISS ST GEORGE CLASH

ST GEORGE, currently sitting in fifth position on the League ladder, aim to stay there despite having to meet their arch-rivals and rapid ladder-climber, Sydney City on Sunday.

Sydney City's lethal striker, and Australia's captain, John Kosmina, will miss this clash due to suspension.

Kosmina was booked last Sunday in Canberra by Newcastle referee, Rob Davies, for clashing with his former teammate, Jimmy Cant.

St George on Sunday will admit a family of four into the St George Stadium for the special concession fee of \$5.00. Two adults and two children can see the match for just \$5.00.

The Saints have in recent weeks reeled off a string of wins that have lifted them up the competition.

Last Sunday, giant stopper-cum midfielder, Craig Moffitt, came on as a substitute for the Saints and knocked in two goals in their 3-1 home win against visiting Inter Monaro.

Make no mistake, Sydney City's Eddie Thomson will really apply the pressure on St George.

Sydney City sitting nicely in second spot will be only too hungry to wait for Sydney Croatia to drop points thus enabling them to possibly steal the Championship from under their noses.

Led by skipper and free-back, David Ratcliffe, the Saints cannot afford to drop a solitary point that would easily

knock them out of the Top Five Series.

It seems that the Saints have finally found the answer upfront with a target man.

Previous defender or midfielder, Andy Koczka, has been Frank Arok's answer to his prayers.

Koczka has the skills, strength and above all the height to dominate aerial battles in the box for St George.

Last Sunday, both teams collected double League points but Sydney City had to do so without their mercurial flank-striker, Frank Farina who missed the Canberra match due to suspension.

With Kosmina being out, Farina's return to the side couldn't have been better timed.

But Sydney City's coach Eddie Thomson also has teenager Abas Saad lurking around for a team-shirt.

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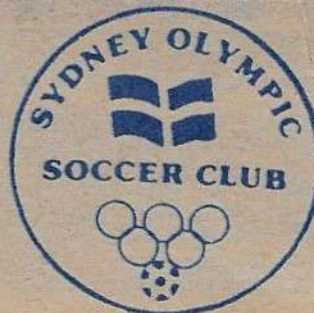
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STATE LEAGUE ROUND UP

ROCKDALE COMPLETES THE NSW PICTURE

BY STEVE SHELDON

A LAST minute goal by Rockdale Ilinden striker, Zlatko Nastevski, sent Ku-ring-gai crashing out of the top four and only a minor miracle next week can reverse their fate.

The four semi-final places now look to be filled by Melita, Manly, Sutherland and Rockdale.

Nastevski's goal came from a curling direct free kick on the right side of the penalty area and gave Rockdale a fortuitous 1-0 victory over Ku-ring-gai in the match of the round at Hurstville Oval.

Both teams fought tenaciously for the vital points and goal-scoring chances were evenly shared.

Rockdale's best chance came in the 23rd minute when Terry Jones saw his point-blank shot saved brilliantly by keeper Andrew Lacey.

WARRINGAH F/WATER 0 SUTHERLAND 0

SUTHERLAND all but cemented their top four spot after a hard fought 0-0 draw with Warringah Freshwater at Cromer Park.

In a game that had everything except goals,

both teams fought desperately to score the winner but there denied by poor finishing and some superb saves by both keepers.

Warringah's best chance came in the 42nd minute when a powerful shot by Alex Bottalico was brilliantly saved by keeper, Craig Burchmore.

Sutherland's best chances came mid-way through the second half. In the 60th minute, Greg Lerond came within inches of scoring when he crashed a left-foot volley into the side netting.

Five minutes later, both Mark Harrington and Scott Hughes had shots saved by Don Smith in the Warringah goal.

Smith, Mick Berry, Glen Sterrey and Martin Driene played well for Warringah while Burchmore, Harrington and Rob Sellar stood out for Sutherland.

WARRINGAH: Smith, Sterrey, Casacchia, J. Bottalico, Berry, Tkackuk, A. Bottalico, Driene,

Corrigan, Burke, Speranza (Duckling 70m).

SUTHERLAND: Burchmore, Nelson, Sellar, Terry, Lerond, Parsons, Meades, Harrington, Johnston, Hughes, Hill.

FAIRY MEADOW 1 MANLY W'RINGAH 2

MANLY kept their title hopes alive with a less than convincing 2-1 victory over bottom-placed Fairy Meadow at Corrimal Memorial Park.

Manly completely dominated the first half and went ahead in the 10th minute through midfielder, Paul Marshall.

They surged further ahead 25 minutes later when Doug McIntosh smashed a 15 metre volley into the Fairy Meadow net.

However, only one minute from the break, Paul Kirwan headed the locals back into the match when he met a free-kick on the left side of the box.

In the second half, Fairy Meadow did most of the attacking but

were unable to pierce the Manly defence.

Marshall, Fraser Robin and Alan Deane stood out for Manly while Kirwan played yet another great game for Fairy Meadow.

FAIRY MEADOW: Krajnovic, McHugh, Burleigh, Hobbs, Beringer, Dummett, O'Brien, Carlo, Marjanovic, Kerr, Kirwan.

MANLY: Catlin, Dennis, Robin, Deane, Van Egmond, Etherington, Marshall, Campbell, Stuart, McIntosh, Davison.

Ku-ring-gai's best chance came in the 65th minute when a corner on the right was headed goalwards by David Kevern, only to be headed off the line by Rockdale defender, Billy Pilovski.

Nastevski, Michael Grbevski and Geoff Wilson were outstanding for Rockdale while Lacey, David Kevern and Chris Quigley stood out for Ku-ring-gai.

KU-RING-GAI: Lacey, Kevern, Goldsworthy, Bertram, Watson, Groome, Sutherland, Williamson, Nile, Bass (Ferguson 83m), Quigley.

ROCKDALE: Berry, G. Wilson, Rodas, Pilovski, D. Wilson, Degney, Jones, Nastoski, Nastevski, Genovese, Grbevski.

W'GONG MAC 0 URUGUAYAN AUBURN 1

WOLLONGONG Macedonia's hopes of clinching a top four spot went out the window when they were edged out 1-0 by Uruguayan Auburn at Berkeley Sports Ground.

The visitors began strongly and outplayed Wollongong in the first half.

In only the third minute, they almost took an early lead when a John Van Heldon header was saved off the line by Wollongong defender, Peter Ruskin.

Twenty minutes later, Wollongong had their best chance of the match when Barry Robinson headed just wide of the left post after some slick lead-up work by Anthony Welbourn and Barney King.

The second half was more evenly contested. However, in the 54th minute, Auburn finally broke the deadlock when Fernando Mosquera found Alvarro Perdomo lurking unmarked at the edge of the box and the midfielder made no mistake with his 20 metre chip over the keeper.

Mosquere and Perdomo stood out for Auburn while Ruskin was easily the pick of the locals.

AUBURN: Rossano, O'Donnell, Tomasic, Woods, Hastie, Mosquera, Perdomo, Cuba, Van Heldon, Genc, Carrizzo (Piriz 81m).

WOLLONGONG: G. Robinson, Muzik, Ruskin, Talevski, Sweeney, Welbourn, Sattin, Blingham, King, B. Robinson, Giralid.

MELITA 5 PENRITH 1

A HAT-TRICK by striker, Len Vial, spearheaded Melita's 5-1 demolition of Penrith City at Melita Stadium and kept them well in line for premiership honours.

Melita opened the scoring after 11 minutes when Paul McFadden crashed home a shot from close range but had to regroup when, seven minutes later, Ian Hunter scrambled the ball over the line to level the scores.

Undeferred, Melita again hit the front in the 28th minute through McFadden and went to a 3-1 lead at half-time when Vial chested in a cross from Wayne Farnsworth over the line.

Some slick work by Melita enabled them to beat Penrith's off-side trap in the 63rd and 70th minutes and on both occasions it was Vial who found the net.

To their credit, Penrith never stopped trying and could have scored several times had poor finishing not let them down.

PS: Melita's win helped them to wrap up the Club Championship for 1986.

PENRITH: Edwards, Hatton (Brown 47m), Hebb, Campbell, Shaw (Martinez 65m), Jamieson, Thomson, Cross, Quarby, McLeod Hunter.

MELITA: Pupovac, Williams, McCoy, Wilson, Tredennick, Callanan, Farragla, Sertabas, Vial, McFadden, Farnsworth.

AVALA 1 POLONIA 0

AVALA brought last week's top-scorers, Polonia, down to earth in an exciting 1-0 win at Knight Park.

The game began brightly with chances falling to both teams and after a scare in the 18th minute when Tommy Steven scrambled a shot by Andrej Pop off the line Avala went ahead through free-kick ex-



WAYNE FARNSWORTH:

pert, Rodovan Filipovic, in the 23rd minute.

From just outside the box on the right, Filipovic curled the ball over the wall and into the top right corner.

In the second half, Avala tightened the game up with the intention of holding into their lead.

This defensive tactic almost backfired as Polonia began to throw players into attack and it was only another mira-

culous save off the line by Steven in the 65th minute and the intervention of the left post 10 minutes later that denied goals going to Andrej Pop and Henry Sobczyk.

Steven and Pop were the outstanding players on the park.

AVALA: Thurlow, Blacktown, Divani, Brown, Steven, Blazic, Blagojevic, Jefferies, Radak, Filipovic, Marino.

POLONIA: Zic, Pratt, Chau, Kulwicki, Robertson, Drys, Sobczyk, Geekie, Colusso, Janic, Pop.



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| Sutherland | vs Polonia | Seymour Shaw Pk |
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Canterbury Marrickville Olympic Soccer Club are now conducting their Youth League Trials for the 1987 Season.

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The State League Story

BIG PLANS ARE THROUGH FOR MELITA STADIUM

AFTER 18 months of continual work to achieve the necessary approvals from the authorities, results are beginning to come for Melita for improvements to their ground.

Patrons will be better provided for with a new hill behind the northern goals (the end away from the public entrance).

Development application approval has also been received for complementary large scale building improvements.

Club Secretary, Sam Vella, said: "The plan is to enclose the excellent

By KEITH GILMOUR

area underneath the grandstand.

"We will then join up this area, which will provide an excellent gymnasium, with the amenities and canteen block.

"The working drawings have yet to be done for this work but we

hope to be well advanced with the project in 12 months time."

Melita was fortunately to obtain use of the Everley Park area. From there they have moved from success to success, due to their very own sterling efforts and the co-operation of the NSW Government and the Parramatta City Council.



THE 1986 MELITA SQUAD IN FRONT OF THE GRANDSTAND.

ROOTY HILL — THE GUNNERS

THE loss of 12 senior players in one season would usually prove to be an obstacle of major proportions. Faced with this dilemma at the beginning of 1986, State League Third Division Club, Rooty Hill, quietly set about rebuilding in the knowledge that failure would see a return to the Inter Urban ranks.

Negotiations with Polonia Soccer Club resulted in the acquisition of the talented Vic Juchniewicz, whose skill and consistency has contributed in no small way to the team's success this season. In addition the discovery of exciting local boys David Close, Mick Saunders, Wayne Mitchell, Joe Cignarella and Charlie Van Den Bosch has provided a new wave of enthusiasm and a depth of talent not enjoyed in previous years.

With the oldest of the quintet only 23, the club can look forward to con-



KEN LINDSAY ... former top midfielder.

tinued stability. Other notable new signings include Tom Bobanovic from King Tomislav and Brian McGovern formerly of Moorebank.

Under the guidance of club coach Ken Lindsay, the team began the year cautiously and although picking up points lacked consistency in the early part of the season.

However, with the added benefit of experience it has been moulded into a formidable unit as witnessed by their high standing in the league. Currently in second position, they have had a titanic battle with Granville Chile.

Despite the absence of sponsorship, the club has continued to successfully manage its financial position at a time where rising costs are seriously threatening the existence of others.

The club has already extended invitations to the Blacktown District Soccer Association youth teams players to trial in 1987, as several of its youngsters will be making the transition from 3rd to 2nd grade and hopefully first grade.

Every effort is being made to ensure not only the club's future but also that of the talented and dedicated youngsters with the will to succeed.

The club welcomes enquiries from not only prospective new players but also genuine people interested in taking up administrative and other positions within an ambitious and successful organisation. Further information can be obtained through Wes Sawina c/- Rooty Hill Soccer Club, P.O. Box 87 Rooty Hill 2766, or by telephone 622 5793 between 9am and 6pm.

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LEE SUTHERLAND

BORN 24 years ago in Rochford, Essex, Lee has settled down with his wife Terri in Hornsby Heights.

So, although Lee played his early Soccer in a local competition in Southend on England's East Coast, he is now very much a local lad.

Lee's parents came over four years ago, just before Lee and Terri, an Australian girl, were married.

Lee is sales consultant and would like to reach the standard of the National League during his Soccer career.

Always basically a midfielder, Lee made a big impact when he first took the field in Kuring-gai colours against Manly in last season's Ampol Cup, when he scored a tremendous goal.

Listing poor grounds and facilities as his main gripe, he doesn't let that stop him getting on the scoresheet.



NIGEL GROOME

KU-RING-GAI PLAYERS' PROFILES

ANDREW LACEY

ANDREW is one of Ku-ring-gai's most loyal servants, having played since his junior days with Kuring-gai teams.

The only exception was a year spent with Muswellbrook back in 1983, where he was furthering his studies.

Born in Sydney 22 years ago and now working as a medical sales representative, Andrew played rugby while he was away, but we will forgive him for that.

After all, he had been playing Soccer since the age of 10 and the extra experience of 'handling' the ball has certainly done him no great harm!

This spectacular goalkeeper is still single and is modest enough to list as his ambition a wish to continue to enjoy the game. He has played as a striker without letting the side down and gets his enthusiasm from his father who comes from Liverpool, a city he visited last year.

His interests include sport in general, rock music a la Dire Straits and Jimmy Barnes and also photography.

CRAIG BASS

CRAIG is 22 and born in Sydney, where he played junior football with APIA from a very early age.

After a spell with Gladesville Ravens, he moved up to First Division Soccer with Kuring-gai in 1983.

He is quite happy doing the job of striker and gets through a lot of work in every game he plays.

His ambition is to reach the top and keep playing as long as possible.

Away from Soccer, he enjoys cricket, tennis and golf and is a cabinet-maker by occupation and still single.

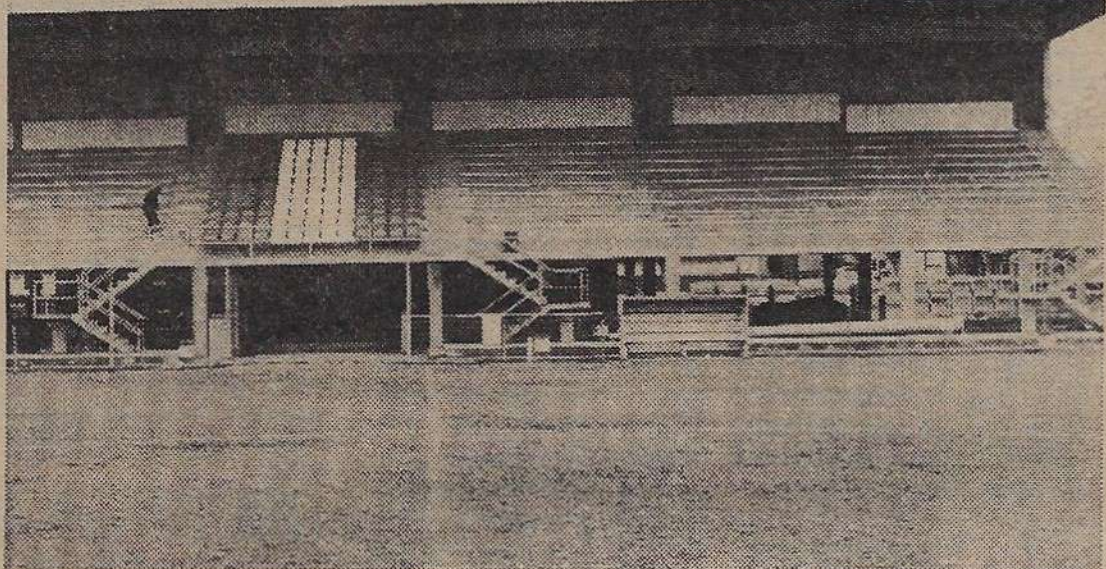
He still remains a fan of APIA and overseas West Ham is his favourite club.

NIGEL GROOME

NIGEL was born in Nottingham and has turned 28.

He began his career with Everton, spending four years with them from the age of 16. He was brought out to Australia by St George in 1979 and spent a season and a half with them.

Married to Gaynor and working as an insurance agent, Nigel joined Sutherland more than five years ago and was a key member of their side during that period. As he lives at Cronulla, Nigel calls on his clients in the vicinity of Bobbin Head each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon to reduce his travelling time to training sessions.



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Players relaxing in the clubroom after a recent home game. They are from L to R: Brian McGovern, Ken Lindsay (coach) Jim McRorie and Alan Charles.

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BACK ROW (L-R): Peter Wass (Manager), Dale Itchens (Youth Team Co-ordinator), Jim Kerr, Neil Morrison, Scott Young, Peter Groenewoud, Andrew Leszczynski, Richard Leszczynski, Eugene Banasik, Tim Steenhuis, Steve Darby (Coach). FRONT ROW (L-R): Gilbert Steenhuis, Mark Krzysica, David Stoddart, Mark Leszczynski, Chris Leszczynski, Craig McKenzie, Simon Templeman, Alan Burton.

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ASW'S WRAP UP FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA

South Australia

WITH TOM MCKAIN

ADELAIDE HELLAS IN THE TOP BRACKET

THE scramble is on for those 14 prized places in next year's super league, and Adelaide Hellas coach Edmund Kreft is adamant, along with every Soccer fan in South Australia, that his team should be in the line-up.

When he gets a one win and one loss situation with certain clubs who will make the 14, his argument is valid.

And when he stresses that Hellas is one of the teams in the top bracket as far as drawing power is concerned, and that it is financially miles ahead of some other clubs, his case begins to sway his critics.

But on top of finance and crowds, he points to the magnificent Hellas ground - Hindmarsh Stadium.

It is already one of the best venues in Australia for Soccer, and by the time it is updated with

millions of dollars earmarked for its development through the S.A. Soccer Federation, it could be the No 1 stadium.

This is Kreft's first season, and not a full one as he came in on a "rescue" operation with Hellas, but he is prepared to back the club after years with rivals Adelaide City in the State and National Leagues.

"We forget who we are with, or were with, when it comes to Soccer on a broad basis," he said.

"Here we have a club

which was one of the original signatories to the National League back in 1977.

"It has been in a Cup final, is in another and has also won the league but now could be dumped.

"Money it has, tradition it has, and it is also in one of the best, if not the best, Soccer grounds in Australia.

"How can anyone think of leaving the club out of the 1987 set-up."

Kreft refused to name both clubs but said that officials knew that several teams in the Southern Division were play-

ing on grounds that would be struggling to qualify for local State Leagues.

"Let us be honest. Some grounds are no better than paddocks," he said.

"If we were at the bottom of the table and a chopping block, then it would be correct to judge us harshly, but on present form and figures, plus facilities, we have to be in the National League."

The recent 6337 fans who rolled up for the derby against Adelaide City must count in Hellas' favor, when attendance figures are added

to the current points awarded for previous and current performances.

And as far as we know, the Adelaide side is in the top five for drawing power.

While Kreft and Hellas officials are lobbying for the club's inclusion next year, so is Adelaide City.

Its president, Mr Charlie Caruso, one of the founder executive members has come out publicly and said that a true National League must have two Adelaide teams, and he would support Hellas, as he would expect them to support 'City'.

Illawarra Jottings

WITH PHIL MURPHY

Its a long way from South Korea to Wollongong but that is a transition Bulli midfielder Tony Charnock has made to play in Saturday's Premier League semi-final against Fernhill.

The former Illawarra player of the year will line up with the champions after a month in South Korea on a cultural exchange visit.

He was one of 12 Australians on the trip but admitted when he returned home he didn't kick a soccer ball once while he was away.

He also admitted it wasn't until he arrived back at Mascot that he found out that Bulli had actually won the Championship.

"When I left we looked a safe thing but I thought about the boys a lot while I was away and was really pleased to hear they had done it", Charnock said.

Charnock's return gives Bulli a great chance of making up for Grand Final losses in the last two seasons to Fernhill and Aris.

They still have to carry on without their talented sweeper or midfielder, Ian Cirson, who has a broken leg.

"Charnock's return is a great boost for the team," coach Norm Flanagan said.

"He is the player other teams fear and we find while they are looking over their shoulders at him, other players are allowed that little extra space."

Fernhill go into the semi-final after getting a draw in the last game against Bulli - a point that meant Bulli became only the second side in the last 30 years to go through the League undefeated.

Coach, Gerry Walker, realises his team have a tough assignment against Bulli, but finishing second gives them a cushion of hav-

ing a second chance if beaten on Saturday.

The two other semi-finalists will feature two teams who have lost form in recent weeks - Warilla Wanderers and Aris.

Aris coach, Robert Fryer, has indicated he will release sweeper, Phil Matias from the sweeper's role to midfield against Warilla and this could be enough to bring about the improvement they need.

Warilla have been very scrappy in the run home and coach Eddie Mullan has every reason to be worried. "Some players would give an arm and a leg to win the grand final, but others just don't put enough effort in when we need it," Mullan said.

The grand final is set down for Memorial Park on Sunday week and it will be no real surprise if Bulli and Fernhill have to stage a repeat of this week's semi-final.

Shellharbour had a dramatic ending to their season when they lost 1-0 to Warilla Wanderers at King Mickey Park.

In the last 10 minutes they had goalkeeper Tony Markovski and

striker Greg Crowl sent from the field by referee Stephan Jaros.

Markovski went after fouling Warilla's Jim Calci and Jaros awarded a penalty but the Shellharbour goalkeeper protested strongly and received a red card.

Midfielder Paul Coupland took over between the posts but failed to stop Robert Hernandez netting with his spot kick.

A minute later, Crowl was on his way to join Markovski in the shower.

"It was a very disappointing finish to the season for us," Shellharbour official, Otto Badger said.

"We all thought the referee gave us a raw deal because the incidents were not as bad as he made out."

Meantime, Les Sheedy has been asked to continue coaching the Shellharbour first grade side next season. He recently took over when John Boyle resigned.

Unanderra fullback Mark Buckley has been outed for 12 months by the ISA after an incident in which Bulli's Ian Cirson had his leg broken in the league match at Elizabeth Park.

Buckley was sent off after his tackle on Cirson, resulting in a fractured fibia.

Bulli fired in a protest, claiming Buckley's tackle was premeditated and demanding more action than just an automatic suspension be taken.

The Association committee found that Buckley had a case to answer and ruled his registration would not be accepted for the 1987 season.

"We will review the situation at the start of the 1988 season," Association President George Naylor said.

"By this decision we hope to deter any similar actions by players in future."

The Illawarra league programme is over and promotion and relegation is finally clear - Bellambi and Coniston will go out of the Premier League.

Coniston showed improvement towards the end of the season but could manage just three wins, while Bellambi lacked the ability to

score goals.

There has been talk that Coniston may now amalgamate with Aris, the club which rents Kelly Park from them every second week, to stay in the Premier League.

Aris are getting desperate about their status as their bid for a new complex at Primbee looks doubtful.

They have just one season of sharing a ground before being axed, so an amalgamation would benefit both clubs.

Ironically, Bellambi go out and the team they share their ground with, Unanderra, have avoided the drop.

Now it seems Bellambi will be using their ground for first division games next season and Unanderra renting it on alternate weekends to play Premier League opposition.

FAIRY MEADOW will finish bottom of the NSW State League regardless of the outcome of this week's big clash with neighbours Wollongong Macedonia.

However striker Paul Kirwan has given them good value since he signed up for the club.

the way with a refreshing return to form.

He scored a hat-trick.

Stillie, Caddy and Bessell completed the scoreline; the only reply coming from Billie Hasslett.

Round 3 results:

Devonport (D. & M. Meldrum) d Ulverstone 2-0, Matric (Wetherford) d Georgetown 1-0, Croatia (Schiebl, 3, Stillie, Caddy, Bessell) d

Western Suburbs (Hasslett) 6-1, Devonport (Frame, Chilcott, Di Pietro) d Riv. Olympic (Taylor) 3-1, Ulverstone (Gorrie) d Burnie 1-0.

Ladder (after Rnd 3):

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Croatia | | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 26 |
| Devonport | | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 15 |
| Juventus | | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 14 |
| Burnie | | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 13 |
| Launce. United | | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 12 |
| Ulverstone | | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 12 |
| Matric | | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 12 |
| Georgetown | | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 10 |
| Western Subs | | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 10 |
| Riv. Olympic | | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 10 |

Tasmania North

WITH JOHN TSCHEPPEA

MATRIC DENT TOWN'S PRIDE

Launceston Matric dealt a severe blow to Georgetown's pride and also its hopes of reaching the next round of the Hon-eychurch Cup competition.

The Students inflicted Town's third con-

secutive loss - and all by the odd goal - on a wet, but playable, Invermay Park ground.

Both teams started determinedly and Matric came close on many occasions.

Midway through the first half Wetherford scored. Murray played the ball across for Reading who blasted a shot at Moore, Georgetown's reserve keeper. But he could only parry the shot and it fell to the feet of Wetherford.

This goal shook the visitors and, before the end of the half, Hughes received his marching orders. Hughes' send-off only worsened the situation as he was one of their most effective players.

Georgetown pressured the Matric goal for most of the second half and the Students did well to keep the scoreline in their favour till the final whistle. Earlier during the week, Devonport overcame a

still delirious Ulverstone, 2-0, at Valley Road.

David and Mike Meldrum secured the Port's points in the first half with Tommy McKenna providing imaginative and determined drive from the midfield.

Croatia also showed that they were a rejuvenated side as they destroyed Western Suburbs by five goals.

This season's signing, Andy Schiebl, showed

Nichols and Greenwood, the latter from the penalty spot, had given Olympia a first-half lead and the title seemed destined for Eagles before Croatia staged their amazing second-half comeback.

Driessen started it by attacking down the right in the 53rd minute and forcing Burden to pull off a tremendous save and concede a corner.

Thomas took the corner and Driessen planted a powerful header into the net to put Croatia back in the game.

Two minutes later, Croatia drew level when Munro brought Thomas down in full flight and O'Brien converted the spot-kick.

Olympia sank Croatia with the two late goals, however, and Eagles had won the title. It was the Eagles supporters who chaired Xanthopoulos from the field.

Richard Leszczynski was the hero for Eagles against Juventus. The youngster scored all three goals to finish as the league's equal top-scorer on 23 goals, together with John

Broadhouse of Juventus.

Metro-Claremont were relegated after losing 1-2 to Juventus on the Friday night.

Metro had to win their last two games and hope that Rapid lost to Olympia, but it was not to be.

Metro won the first of those games by beating Caledonians 3-1 but then lost to Juventus, by which time it did not matter that Rapid had lost 1-4 to Olympia.

Details: Metro-Claremont 3 (Clamp, Green, Ferrall, pen.) d

Caledonians 1 (Murtagh); Rapid 1 (Blake) dw Howrah 1 (Brightman); Olympia-WPL 4 (Xanthopoulos 2, Nichols, Greenwood) d Rapid 1 (own goal); Juventus-Pioneer 2 (Broadhouse 2) d Metro-Claremont 1 (Ferrall, pen); White Eagles 3 (R. Leszczynski 3) d Juventus-Pioneer 0; Olympia-WPL 4 (Xanthopoulos 2, Nichols, Greenwood, pen.) d Croatia-Glenorchy 2 (Driessen, O'Brien, pen.).

Croatia-Glenorchy 4 (Driessen, McIntyre, Kirkpatrick, O'Brien, pen.) b Caledonians 0; White Eagles 4 (A.

Leszczynski 2, R. & M. Leszczynski) b Rapid 1 (Bloomfield).

Final Goalscoring List: 23 J. Broadhouse (Juventus), R. Leszczynski (White Eagles); 17 P. Xanthopoulos (Olympia); 16 A. Leszczynski (White Eagles); 13 J. McIntyre (Croatia).

Cadbury State Final Standings:

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| White Eagles | 21 | 14 | 3 | 4 | 67 | 27 | 31 |
| Croatia-Glen | 21 | 14 | 3 | 4 | 49 | 23 | 31 |
| Olympia-WPL | 21 | 13 | 2 | 6 | 58 | 31 | 28 |
| Juve-Pioneer | 21 | 13 | 1 | 7 | 51 | 35 | 27 |
| Caledonians | 21 | 6 | 12 | 31 | 58 | 15 | 15 |
| Howrah | 21 | 5 | 13 | 27 | 52 | 13 | 13 |
| Rapid | 21 | 4 | 13 | 23 | 43 | 12 | 12 |
| Metro-Clare | 21 | 4 | 13 | 14 | 19 | 56 | 11 |

THE QUEENSLAND REPORT

With Greg Russell

"TURN AGAIN, FRANK AROK" CALLS 'BIG COL' BENNETT

BRISBANE LIONS coach Col Bennett has called on National coach Frank Arok to take another look at Russell Stewart — in his new role as a rightback.

Stewart, a former midfielder in the Lions team, made the move backwards a month ago when Lions lost David Hunter through a back injury, and Bennett believes the switch has been largely responsible for Lions late season from revival.

"From the time Russell move to rightback, we started to play well and won three on the trot," Bennett said.

"I think he is a much better player having the play coming to him and he hits one of the best long balls in the country. He has set up a number of goals for us with deft crossfield passes.

"Frank Arok has spent two years trying to find a rightback since Alan Davidson was injured and I am convinced Russell is his man."

Bennett says the former young Soccerroo has changed his whole attitude to the game following the defensive switch.

"In midfield Russell was averaging a (yellow) card about every three games, but since he moved into the back four he has taken on a new responsibility. In midfield I think he gave away a lot of fouls because he wasn't quite quick enough to chase a man when he was beaten.

"In the centre of the park he also tried to do a lot of tricks which often gave away possession. But now he is playing it simple and he is a far better player for it."

Although Lions have hit a form path of late, beating West Adelaide, Brisbane City and Green Gully in consecutive games, it is a frustrating time for Bennett.

"After taking over the side midway through the first round, he only now is starting to see the side play to its full capabilities. But sadly, it looks like it might be too late to save the Richlands club from the NSL axe.

But Bennett, always a fighter during his playing days with Lions, refuses to concede defeat until the final whistle, and even then he will not give up until the 14 teams are sanctioned.

"I have told the boys that there are still so many variables. We just need a merry-go-round

get as close to the cut as we can," Bennett said.

"I believe that if we can't make the 14, then 15th or 16th might still be good enough. Any team in the 14 that can't pay its way might get the chop or there could even be an expansion to 16 if one or two glamor clubs miss out.

"If we are there at the end then we have got to have a chance."

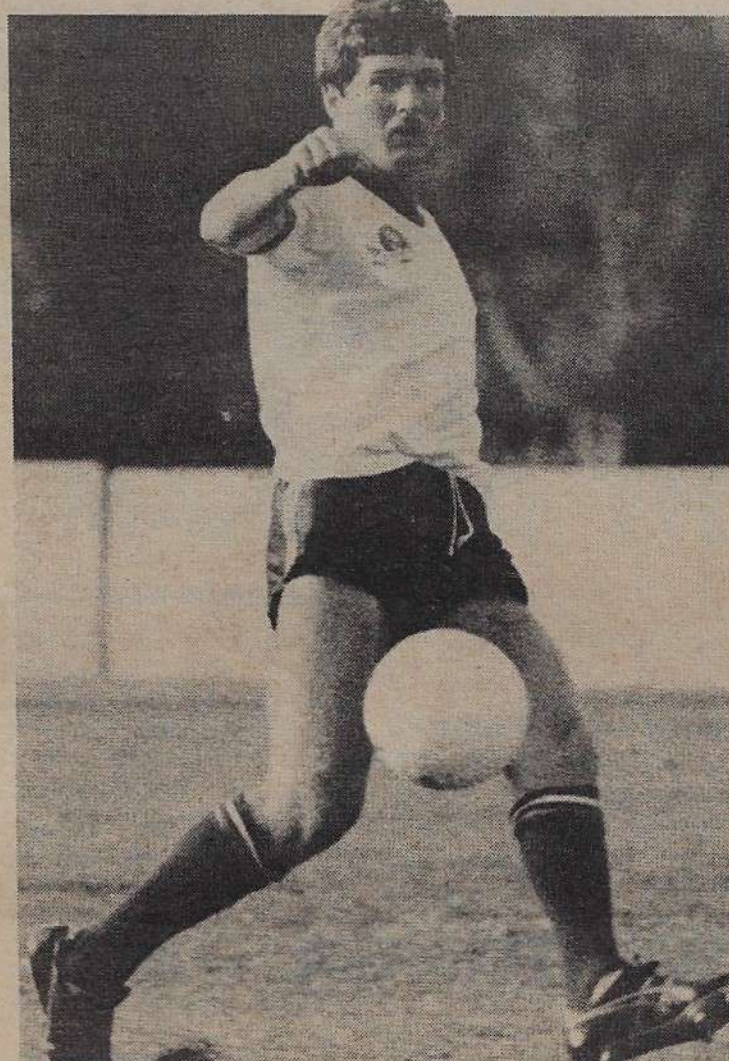
While Lions are battling for retention, they could well decide the fate of "Houdini Club" Footscray. The Melbourne side, which cannot rely on its past record for any help in making the top 14, must virtually win the division to be included in next year's format.

It has led the Southern Division for much of the year, but is under strong pressure from Brunswick and Heidelberg. Footscray play Lions in the final round at Richlands and may be in a 'must win' situation

to guarantee their survival.

Lions could also be in the same position. The

match looms as one of the games of the year and if survival is the scenario, the second half could be a classic.



RUSSELL STEWART ... Brisbane favourite

BROOM FOLLOWS AXE AT SPENCER PARK

BRISBANE CITY coach Billy Wilkinson has advocated the broom be put through the struggling club at the end of the season.

With the NSL axe now ready to fall on the hapless Queensland NSL side, Wilkinson has called on club officials to start afresh, with re-entry to the league in 1988 as the prime objective.

"We have to sweep clean with a new broom," Wilkinson said.

"It probably should have been done four years ago but up until now we've tended to sweep things under the carpet. Next year there will have to be lots of changes.

"I would anticipate a hefty turnover of players. I've nothing personal against any particular players, but we have to be realistic. If the club is forced back to the local competition, it should still be run along NSL lines.

To do anything else would be unfair to the many people who have worked their guts out to make it such a fine club."

Wilkinson has started to swing the broom himself in recent weeks and the City side has included a number of young faces given only scant opportunities ear-

lier in the year.

The side which downed South Melbourne 2-0 a week ago — the best performance by the club this year — included six players in their early 20's or younger. The includes local products Glenn Archer, Andy Chapman and Alfie Catalano, with whom the future of the club could definitely rest.

City has its maximum three visa players in Roberto Lettieri, Kieran Cooper and Phil White and it would be expected if the club returns to the Queensland XXXX League next year, that situation too will be reviewed.

Cooper has been one of the best imports to Queensland Soccer since Jim Hermiston and club officials are keen to retain him next year at any cost. Like Wilkinson, the officials believe Cooper can be the key to City's quick return to the NSL.

The City officials have long been hoping for permanent residency for Lettieri and no doubt would be hoping for the same for White to give them extra places to play

with next year when looking for recruits.

With just two games to go before the end of the season, there are few targets Wilkinson can set his side. But he has given them the one aim which should spark them to the best form.

He has told his players to play for their pride.

As for his own intentions next year, Wilkinson admitted a number of people within and outside the club had quizzed him.

"I will make no decisions until the end of the season, then I will have to talk to the committee and see just what they plan to do next season," he said.

To let Wilkinson continue with the way he has gone in the past two weeks wouldn't be too bad a direction to follow.

COALSTARS REEL AS MT GRAVATT IMPRESSES

DISASTER appears to have hit leading Queensland club Coalstars — just when they had a hand on the premiership flag.

The Bundamba side, which until now have swept all before them, have lost experienced defenders Mark McNaughton and Ian Lawrie. Without the talented and settling pair, Coalstars look to have a shaky ride through the final rounds.

McNaughton and Lawrie were injured within minutes of each other when Coalstars crashed to minnows Taringa 2-1, a week after winning the Ampol Cup Final.

McNaughton had been carrying a knee injury for some months and it came as no surprise when it "went" again in the Taringa match. The former New Zealand international had battled the injury through the entire Cup final.

Despite his fighting spirit to comeback from the injury twice already, Coalstars coach Brian Styles does not expect to see his captain on the field again this season.

But the injury to Lawrie was a real shock. The former Lions player, signed from neighbours Ipswich United this year after a long disputed transfer, has torn a hamstring. It is not known how long he will be sidelined.

Styles has turned to Stu Weston and Garth Mitchell to replace his experienced duo, and switched former Brisbane City NSL player Kevin Caldwell to sweepster to bolster the Coalstars defensive stocks.

And with two rounds remaining, Styles has adopted a philosophical approach.

"We have had a fairly good run with injuries until now and we will just have to wear this situation," he said.

With Coalstars in trouble, and other top four sides exchanging wins, the XXXX League is moving to a thrilling finish. The only certainty appear to be that Bayside club Wynnum will be relegated.

Any combinations of Coalstars, Mount Gravatt, Easts, North Star, Olympic, Ipswich United or Taringa could comprise the four to go into the finals play-off.

This weekend's match see some more crunch games and none so more than the Coalstars-



MARK McNAUGHTON ... injury

Mount Gravatt clash at Bundamba. Many chuckled when Mount Gravatt were second bottom during the early weeks of the season, but the smart ones never wrote off the Hawks.

And under the professional guidance of Eric Thompson, Mount Gravatt have been the most successful side of the second round.

The other interesting tie of the round will be the Easts-North Star game. Both sides, after setting the pace in the

first round had horror mid-seasons, both not winning for weeks. But they seem to have found their ways again and either could be a grand finalists. But a loss here could banish the beaten team to a shorter than expected finish.

Other games this weekend see Grange Thistle host Wynnum in a clash of the bottom two teams, Taringa play Olympic United at their favored Speare Park and Lions clash with Ipswich United.



BRIAN STYLES ... Coalstars coach

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NSW COUNTRY JUNIORS TO CONTINUE RECORD

THE players in this year's Country Rep U/14 squad can feel justly proud of the magnificent results they recorded whilst on tour to Northern NSW and Queensland.

The boys kicked off the tour with a fine 3-0 win over the strong Macquarie Association rep squad in Newcastle and followed that with a resounding 6-0 victory over the Mid North Coast at Coffs Harbour.

The boys knew that the strong Brisbane sides would be a real challenge but rose to the occasion by defeating the Brisbane South outfit 3-2 in front of a large and parochial crowd, who could not believe that these Country lads could have demoralised a squad which contained 90% of the Queensland state side.

They finished off this leg of the tour with yet another win over the Brisbane North side to the tune of 3-0.

Coach Danny Himbrechts and manager Graeme Brunton could not have wished for better results and these were due mainly to the hard work, determination and combined skills and camaraderie within this fine squad.

The squad was again assembled in June for two matches at Parklea and they let no-one down as they brushed aside the Sydney Reps 6-0 and the ACT Reps 6-0 also.

This was a very convincing display and a first since the inception of the Country Rep set up.

There is one match remaining on this year's calendar for these lads and that is a return bout with the ACT in Canberra in September. A victory here will ensure that their fine record is kept intact.

Good performances on tour came from Robert Beuzeville from the Far South Coast, who as striker showed his deadly skill in front of goals with a total of 11 goals.

Pat Calabria as captain led by example as did his Riverina team mates, Giamol Pasin, Tony Pangano and Michael Musitano. Wade Wardle from Southern Branch ran riot in the midfield.

The squad this year is: Shane Jervis, Danny Brian, Pat Calabria, Philip Hay, Craig Lamberton, Michael Creary, Michael Musitano.



DANNY HIMBRECHTS ... NSW Country 14s coach.

Mark Devries, Wade Chipman, Andrew Wardle, Robert Beuzeville, Tony Pangano, Himbrechts. Manager: Giamol Pasin, Greg Graeme Brunton.

ALBURY-WODONGA U14s



The Albury-Wodonga Under 14 team won the Riverina championships in July. Next they come to Sydney for the State Championships.

NATIONAL TITLES

U14 at Carrawa, Gold Coast

R1: Victoria 2, Queensland 0; NSW 7, ACT 0; Northern Territory 1, Northern NSW 1; Tasmania 2, Western Australia 1, South Australia bye.

R2: Victoria 8, Northern Territory 0; Northern NSW 2, ACT 0; Western Australia 1, Queensland 1; NSW 2, South Australia 1; Tasmania bye.

NSW STATE TITLES

U12 at Goulburn

State Champions: Canterbury

Runners up: Gladesville

Metropolitan Champions: Gladesville

County champions: Western NSW

U15 at Parklea

State Champions: Sydney Olympic

Runners up: Melita Eagles

Metropolitan Champions: Melita Eagles

County Champions: Western NSW

U13: at Lithgow, October 4/6
(Tony Luchetti Sports Ground)

U14 & U16: at Parklea October 4/6

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BOSSLEY PARK. NSW 2176

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15th SEPTEMBER 1986

SYDNEY CROATIA JUNIORS

The Club now invites applications for Junior Coaches to take charge of our Under 9s, 10s, 11s, 12s, 13s, 14s, 15s and 16s teams for the 1987 season.

Only experienced coaches need apply.
All applications will be treated with strict confidence.

Please forward your application, stating qualifications and experience to:

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SOCCER CLUB
P.O. Box 580
BANKSTOWN NSW 2200

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The Blacktown and Districts Soccer Football Association

Are seeking applications for the following positions for the 1987 Soccer season.

All applicants should forward their nominations to the Secretary B.D.S.F.A., P.O. Box 549, BLACKTOWN 2148 stating their qualifications and listing their experience in the position they are applying for.

- (1) Director of Coaching
- (2) Youth League Coaches Under 13, 14, 15 and 16 teams
- (3) Metropolitan Championship Coaches Under 11, 12
- (4) Ladies Metropolitan Championship Under 17 and Open Age

Nominations will close on Saturday 20th September, 1986.

By applying for a position in this association you will be joining a progressive body who have been promoted to the Second Division of Youth League in the 1987 season.

For further information please ring the Secretary on 621 1580.

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1987 ANNUAL YOUTH LEAGUE TRIALS

To be held at Lambert Park, Marion St, Leichhardt, every Monday and Thursday commencing 16th September.

Trials for U/13 and U/14 every Monday

Trials for U/15 and U/16 every Thursday

All trials to commence sharply at 6pm.

Trials will be held on the following dates:

U/13's & U/14's

September 15
September 22
September 29
October 6
October 13
October 20
October 27

U/15's & U/16's

September 18
September 25
October 2
October 9
October 16
October 23
October 30



For further information contact either Tony Raciti on 799 4458 (from 11am-10pm) or Vince Aiello on 212 5963 (BH).

Messages can be left on the club's number 799 899.

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Amateurs, Juniors and Schools

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nal. Plattsburg were their opponents in the semi-final which was played at Parklea Soccer Academy, Umina winning 3-1.

The final was played the same day between Umina and the strong Milperra Primary.

Milperra looked cer-

tain winners after 15 minutes by leading 3-0, but a courageous comeback from Umina, which shocked the crowd, saw Umina score 5 goals to lead 5-3. The huge effort from Umina totally exhausted them, and Milperra came back to score 2 late goals. **FINAL SCORE 5-5 JOINT CHAMPIONS.**



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Trials for the Under 15s and 16s commence Thursdays, September 11th, 18th, 25th, October 2nd and October 9th, from 5pm to 7pm.

All trials will be staged at:

CENTENARY SPORTS AREA

Cnr Church and Lang Sts, ASHFIELD. NSW.

For further information, please contact:

Mr Paul Ankudinoff, Tele: 86 5519.

or

Mr Arthur Polly,

Tele: (b.h.) 661 5100. (a.h.) 662 8107.



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Trials for the Under 13s and Under 14s ... OCTOBER 6th 1986.

Trials for the Under 15s and Under 16s ... OCTOBER 9th 1986.

All trials start at 6pm sharp.

For further information, please contact:

THE DIRECTOR OF COACHING

Mr Leo Baumgartner

(B.H.) 669 7768

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NOVEMBER TRIAL FOR AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS

— NEW ZEALAND TOUR

FROM CHRIS JAMES

SEVEN players in the Australian Schoolboys team to tour New Zealand from January 4-14 were members of the Australian U16 team that competed in the first World U16 Championships in China in 1985.

The tour squad was selected by Chris James and Duncan Summers. It will meet the Australian Youth squad in a trial game on November 2.

National coach Frank Arok, Alan Vest, Vic Dalglish and Willie Wallace all looked in on the talent on show.

It seems that some states are going through the rebuilding stage and the standard of play in the championships was definitely down on previous performances.

Western Australian fielded a competent team. NSW lacked midfield control and went down 2-1 to the ACT, which was reinforced with Institute of Sport players.

ACT took the title for the second year running. They won their toughest game 2-1 against NSW.

With the advantage of being able to call upon secondary students from other states who are at the Australian Institute of Sport, the ACT will continue to be a hard meet to crack.

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NSW AMATEUR & STATE CUPS

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NSW U14 State Cup: Sydney United 2 v Earlwood 0.

NSW U16 State Cup: Castle Hill 3 v Kingsgrove Olympians 2.

NSW U18 State Cup: Sydney United 2 v Panania RSL 1.

NSW U21 Robertson Cup: Panania RSL 3 v Castle Hill 1.

NSW Amateur Cup: Menai Hawks 3 v Kirrawee 0.

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THE WOMENS SOCCER SCENE



A.C.T. WOMEN'S BIG MERGER

THE squad that very nearly never was had been named to represent the ACT at the Australian Women's Soccer Championships in South Australia next month.

For the first time it contains players from Albury-Wodonga, a factor which has almost certainly saved the ACT's participation in the titles.

FROM GRAHAM COOKE

Coach Radhakrishnan said that there was one memorable mid-winter training session when only one player turned up.

"Even so, I never lost my optimism," he said yesterday. "I always had the feeling we would go to Adelaide, even if it was just with 11 players."

His problems were eased when a merger between the ACT and Albury-Wodonga associations increased the pool of players available. Eight from the area are included in the 15-strong squad with the balance the result of a late rush of interest from Canberra.

Radhakrishnan believes that individually his players are of a standard to be competitive at the titles. "However, we are badly short of match practice and that is what we must concentrate on in the two weekends we have left."

The squad is: goalkeepers, Bronwyn Calver (Belconnen United), Sandy Schubert (Albury Hotspurs); defenders, Laura Fisher, Karen Wilcox (Queanbeyan), Jackie McRae (Belconnen United), Katarina Lorch (West Wodonga), Maria Martinez, Jennifer Piltz (Melrose Park Rangers); midfielders, Rhonda Haire (Belconnen United), Tracey Foley, Linda Howcroft (Albury Hotspurs), Laura Cameron (Melrose Park Rangers); forwards, Julie Murray (Weston Creek), Guili Tonini (Queanbeyan), Mandy Wilson (Melrose Park Rangers).

Coach, Radhakrishnan; manager, Gillian Malcolm; assistant manager, Cathy McCallum.

The party leaves on September 2 and returns on the 13th.

FROM LYNETTE SPENCER



JULIE MURRAY ... coming star.

JULIE MURRAY STAR MATERIAL

AT not quite 16 ACT midfielder Julie Murray was in Christchurch with the Australian squad for the 1986 Oceania Championship.

Regarded by national women's coach Fred Robins as an outstanding prospect, she excels at centre or left midfield or along the left wing.

Club: Weston Creek
Previous Clubs: McLean Boys, McLean Girls.

Birthplace: Adelaide.

National Championships: 1983: Perth 1984: Canberra 1985: Mel-

bourne.
Occupation: Student.

Most Influence on Career: My dad.

Favourite Woman Player: Julie Dolan.

Favourite Man Player: Gordon Strachan.

Favourite Music: Rock and roll.

Other Sports: ACT rep softball, swimming, hockey.

EASTS COME HOME IN QUEENSLAND

Easts defeated Coalstars to win the South Queensland grand final 3-0 at the Atlanta Fields, Geebung.

The full grand results were:

1st Div: Easts 3 d. Coalstars 0

2nd Div: N. Star 2 d. QLD U15's 0

3rd Div: Souths 3 d. Capalata 0

4th Div: Mogell 0 d. drew Tooouango 0 after extra time (being replayed)

All the finals were played in poor conditions because of continual rain and by 3pm the fields were very muddy.

Easts started the game very slowly with Coalstars being on top for the first twenty minutes.

Easts keeper Robyn Priest made an excellent low save off a Tracey Smith shot after a scramble in the goalmouth.

From then on Easts started to put their act together. About five minutes prior to half time Easts were awarded a free kick about 10 yards in from the sideline near the 18 yard box.

Former Australian player Sharon Wass took the free kick and chipped into the goalmouth. Coalstars and former QLD keeper Roslyn Brookes went up for the ball and being wet and slippery was unable to hold onto it. Kerry Millman from Easts was on hand to put it into the net.

Easts again scored reasonably early after the resumption with a goal from Australian striker Leanne Priestly. The final goal was an own goal from a Coalstars defender.

Sharon Wass played a wide through ball for Priestley to chase. As the keeper came out she put it across the goalmouth and as it was almost across the line the defender came through and could do nothing except help it into the net.

This last goal did not seem to deter Coalstars, who kept trying hard. Their efforts were very nearly rewarded with a late goal from QLD squad member Leanne Bird.

Bird, who played on the wing, was given a through ball and in a one to one with the keeper hit a good low shot but unfortunately straight to the Easts keeper.

Best players for Easts were Leanne Priestly and Sharon Wass, whilst for Coalstars Canadian exchange teacher Karen Morely and QLD defender Michelle Sawyers were prominent.

Easts had made the last half dozen grand finals, but had lost the last two.

ENGADINE'S RECORD SCORING EFFORTS

How many teams this season ended up with 114 goals or a goal difference of 113?

Not only were the U17A women's side from Engadine Eagles Soccer Club undefeated minor premiers and premiers in a 10 team competition, but by the end of the 18th round they had managed to put together a total of 114 goals - the highest number scored this season by over 500 teams registered with the Sutherland Shire Junior Soccer Association.

Their closest rivals were the 18A side from Miranda with 109 for and 13 against.

The team was excellent in defence, only one goal getting past them (off-side of course!). After this occurrence there was some concentrated teamwork to stop such an unfortunate incident from happening again.

Every player contributed to the success of the team as a whole, most managing to score at least one goal with the top scorers being left winger Desiree Hill, centre-forward Karen Batty, right wing Samantha Morando and

centre-half Melissa Cuddy.

President Harry De-

nning and the Committee of the S.S.J.S.F.A. must be congratulated for encouraging the high standard of Soccer that exists in the Sutherland Shire.

Close co-operation with the St. George and Sutherland Shire Coaches Association enable our coaches to get the best training available in this area.



PICTURED at Captain Cook Field after winning the Premiership 3-0. Back row: Tracey Lovelock, Jenny Temple, Samantha Morando, Karen Batty, Michelle Cuddy, Melissa Cuddy, Nicole Lente. Front row: Meagan Allan, Desiree Hill, Kylie Fisher, Nicole Brand and substitute K. Pascoe.

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The official match ball of the Olympic Airways Soccer League



LEIGH WARDELL OF Putney Town moves the ball as Rita Cheevers, Forest United's Irish star, closes in.



PUTNEY United goalkeeper Vicki Salmons' hands reach for the ball as Chris Bradley (Forest United - in light shirt) and Putney defender Janelle Thomas go up for the ball.

BLACKTOWN DEPENDS ON YOUNG BRIGADE

WHETHER they spend the 1987 season in the revamped National League or in the State League, the future for Blacktown City Soccer Club looks very promising indeed.

Not only do they have several very promising youngsters on their books at the moment but they are now assured of a steady supply of Youth League players from the strong Granville District.

Most of the young brigade now playing senior football with the Club will stay on, no matter in which League the club is playing. Some, but not all, of the established players may wish to move on but the Demons are sure to replace them.

The recently announced merger with the Granville District Youth League is of major importance to the area, if not to the game itself. Now the already considerable strengths of the Demons Youth will have the added impetus of being able to pick and choose from the 7,000 player District.

The result will undoubtedly be a constant flow of youngsters thought the Youth teams and into the senior squads. This will eventually mean that the club will produce its own squad and will need to dabble in the risky transfer market less and less as the years pass.

Although this will not happen overnight, they are certainly moving a lot closer to having a "local content" team than any other Club at any level.

Of course, Blacktown City will not be the only benefactor under this scheme. The players of the Granville District will benefit enormously through the direct connection of their Football Association with a senior Club.

Not only will they have the opportunity of selection to the Youth League teams but the Coaching Clinic programme, which has been so successful in 1986, will be expanded to take in more junior clubs than was possible this season. The result of this will be that the juniors will receive expert tuition from their local stars on at least one occasion during the season. In addition, other plans are already underway for the Demons to be more closely associated with the junior clubs.

This merger does not mean that Blacktown City will turn its back on those clubs in the Blacktown District who have shown their support in

the past. On the contrary, the Demons will continue their links with these Clubs and they intend to expand their relationship.

If they are not already, within a few years Blacktown City will be the envy of every club in the land. Not only do they own a fine Licensed Club and a potentially great stadium but they are already working on the expansion of both. Add to that the steady flow of top quality youngsters, each of whom will receive the best available coaching, and you have a recipe for success.

It almost goes without saying that such a scheme is bound to have its share of problems and hiccups, but if the professional approach of the club's management is anything to judge by, these will be overcome with a minimum of fuss.

The Demons are now looking for a Director of Youth Coaching and for Youth Team coaches. Those selected will be the very best available to ensure that the young players receive excellent tuition and that they will have the maximum opportunity to progress through the various levels of play within the Club.

There are now only two matches left for Blacktown City this season and they could well

decide whether the Club will be in the National or State League for 1987.

This weekend, the Demons play APIA-Leichhardt at the Gabbie Stadium and coach Casey de Bruin hopes to be able to field a full strength team for the first time this season. A spate of injuries and suspensions have prevented him for doing so until now.

As an additional

attraction, the Australian Cowgirl Cheerleaders will perform at half-time of a main game.

It is to be hoped that somehow Blacktown City will remain at the top level in 1987 but, no matter where their future lies, they have already placed the foundations which will ensure them of a very bright and promising period during the years to come.



Blacktown City's Adam Sandy

Northern Newsreel

WITH DAVE WILLIAMS

MARK SMITH is a likeable young man who arrived in Australia last year from the UK to play football. But, by the end of the Northern NSW season, he must have wondered why he left home.

Mark had a miserable 1985 season through injuries that would have soured most players. But, to his credit, he weathered the worst and bounced back to be one of the stars of the Northern NSW State First Division premiership.

Born in Cornwall, Mark played for three seasons with Plymouth Argyle and, when his contract expired, had the choice of playing for Wigan, or responding to a request from a former Everton FA Cup medal winner, Mike Trebilcock, who was coaching Lake Macquarie City.

"Playing for Wigan back home would have been equivalent to play for far distant Broken Hill out here, so I chose Mike's offer," he said.

However, Mark was only on the field for about four minutes of

the opening game of the 1985 season against Highfields Azzurri when he injured his ankle badly as he was tackled by John Georgeff, now a team mate at Lake Macquarie.

"It was just one of those things that happen in a match," Mark said. Yet, it kept him out of the game for many weeks.

And, he had hardly regained his place in the first team when he broke his jaw and fractured a cheekbone in a training mishap.

Until then, he had played as a midfielder. This year though, Ray Lloyd, a former Australian World Cup representative and Lake Macquarie's coach, moved him to left fullback and Mark has never looked back.

"I've really enjoyed my football this year and I have a high regard for Ray Lloyd's coaching ability."

"There is discipline in the team, but Ray hasn't tried to restrict our individual abilities," Mark said.

Lake Macquarie officials believe that Mark is well in line for the 1986 Northern NSW Player of the Year award.

NSL RESULTS

NORTHERN DIVISION

SYDNEY CROATIA 4 (G Arnold 2, Z Jurin, W Savor) BLACKTOWN 0 at Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 6375.

SYDNEY CITY 1 (A Saad) CANBERRA 0 at Bruce Stadium. Crowd 701.

ST GEORGE 3 (C Moffitt 2, P Ricoy) MONARO 1 (A Titilas) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 685.

MARCONI 2 (G Gunning, M Jankovics) LEICHHARDT 0 at Lambert Park. Crowd: 2964.

WOLLONGONG 2 (R Giraldo, P Brodnik) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (M Soper) at Pratten Park. Crowd: 3500.

NEWCASTLE 2 (R Naumov, S Ingham) CANTERBURY 0 at Adamstown Oval. Crowd: 1350.

NORTHERN DIVISION

| | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|----------------|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| Sydney Croatia | 12 | 4 | 4 | 37 | 16 | 28 |
| Sydney City | 8 | 8 | 4 | 36 | 23 | 24 |
| Marconi | 8 | 7 | 5 | 32 | 21 | 23 |
| Sydney Olympic | 7 | 9 | 4 | 30 | 22 | 23 |
| St George | 9 | 5 | 6 | 29 | 28 | 23 |
| Newcastle | 8 | 6 | 6 | 34 | 31 | 22 |
| Leichhardt | 7 | 6 | 7 | 20 | 23 | 20 |
| Blacktown City | 8 | 4 | 8 | 24 | 33 | 20 |
| Wollongong | 7 | 5 | 8 | 23 | 25 | 19 |
| Canberra | 5 | 6 | 9 | 21 | 23 | 16 |
| Canterbury | 2 | 7 | 11 | 17 | 35 | 11 |
| Monaro | 3 | 5 | 12 | 16 | 39 | 11 |

SOUTHERN DIVISION

MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (L Abrahams 2) BRISBANE CITY 1 (D McIntosh og) at Olympic Park. Crowd: 1000.

ADELAIDE CITY 3 (S Melta 2, C Villani) GREEN GULLY 1 (D Ward) at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 1671.

SUNSHINE 0 drew with PRESTON 0 at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 5246.

BRISBANE LIONS 4 (B Wright 2, J Morton, J Ogden) BRUNSWICK 1 (A Zinni) at Richlands Stadium. Crowd: 1171.

FOOTSCRAY 0 drew with HEIDELBERG 0 at Schintler Reserve. Crowd: 4500.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (C Andritis 2) ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (G Konstandopoulos) at Middle Park. Crowd: 2252.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

| | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-------------------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Footscray | 10 | 7 | 3 | 27 | 22 | 27 |
| Brunswick | 10 | 5 | 5 | 34 | 21 | 25 |
| Heidelberg | 8 | 8 | 4 | 33 | 22 | 24 |
| Adelaide City | 9 | 6 | 5 | 30 | 19 | 24 |
| Sunshine | 7 | 10 | 3 | 22 | 15 | 24 |
| South Melbourne | 9 | 5 | 6 | 25 | 17 | 23 |
| Preston | 6 | 9 | 5 | 22 | 19 | 21 |
| Brisbane Lions | 7 | 4 | 9 | 25 | 25 | 18 |
| Adelaide Hellas | 7 | 3 | 10 | 22 | 28 | 17 |
| Melbourne Croatia | 5 | 5 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 15 |
| Brisbane City | 3 | 6 | 11 | 18 | 42 | 12 |
| Green Gully | 2 | 6 | 12 | 15 | 33 | 10 |

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|----------------|----|----|---|----|-----|----|-----|
| AIS | 22 | 20 | 1 | 1 | 104 | 11 | 41 |
| Blacktown | 22 | 13 | 5 | 4 | 47 | 37 | 31 |
| St George | 22 | 13 | 3 | 6 | 67 | 36 | 29 |
| Sydney City | 21 | 13 | 2 | 6 | 46 | 22 | 28 |
| Canberra | 22 | 12 | 3 | 7 | 50 | 46 | 27 |
| Marconi | 21 | 11 | 3 | 7 | 40 | 33 | 25 |
| APIA | 22 | 8 | 5 | 9 | 37 | 36 | 21 |
| Sydney Olympic | 21 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 31 | 38 | 21 |
| Wollongong | 21 | 7 | 3 | 11 | 33 | 50 | 17 |
| Croatia | 22 | 4 | 5 | 13 | 24 | 46 | 13 |
| Newcastle | 22 | 3 | 5 | 14 | 20 | 50 | 11 |
| Canterbury | 22 | 3 | 4 | 15 | 20 | 58 | 10 |
| Inter-Monaro | 22 | 2 | 4 | 16 | 17 | 73 | 8 |

Tuesday 26 August

ST GEORGE 4 (Ollerenshaw 2, Kotsias, Ilic) BLACKTOWN 0

Saturday 30 August

SYDNEY CITY 0 AIS 2 (P. Foster, van Blerk)

BLACKTOWN 1 CROATIA 0

NEWCASTLE 0 CANTERBURY 0

Sunday 31 August

ST GEORGE 8 (Boogard 2, Harmat 2, Warren, Caban, Kotsias, Lampropoulos) INTER-MONARO 1 (Williams)

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Bennett) BLACKTOWN 0

CANBERRA 0 SYDNEY CITY 5 (Patterson 2 Shute 2, Daley)

CROATIA 0 AIS 3 (Van Blerk, Clarkson, Reynolds)

APIA 1 (Beddoni) MARCONI 1 (Lovan)

TNT SKYPAK

THE WORLD WIDE COURIERS

TNT SKYPAK SOCCER LEAGUE

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Melita Eagles v Penrith City | 5-1 | 4-2 | 4-2 |
| Wollongong Mac v Uruguayan Auburn | 0-1 | 0-5 | 3-2 |
| Fairy Meadow v Manly W'gah | 1-2 | 2-3 | 1-9 |
| Warringah F/Water v Sutherland | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-8 |
| Rockdale Ilinden v Ku-ring-gai | 1-0 | 1-2 | 9-0 |
| Avala v Polonia | 1-0 | 3-0 | 8-1 |

STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------------|-----|-----|---------|
| Gladesville Hornsby v Bankstown Lebanon | 2-1 | 9-1 | BL for |
| Nth Bankstown v Bathurst 75 | 2-0 | 2-1 | 2-0 |
| SSC Yugal v Blacktown United | 1-0 | 3-0 | 1-1 |
| Artarmon v Dee Why | 1-0 | 3-1 | Art for |
| Artarmon v Canterbury & Dist | 1-0 | 6-2 | |
| Campbelltown City v Kingsford Hellenic | 1-0 | 2-2 | 1-0 |
| Queens Park v Dee Why | 1-0 | 2-0 | 3-1 |

STATE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Port Hacking v Nth Ryde RSL | 1-3 | 2-2 | 0-1 |
| Baulkham Hills v Bondi Marine | 0-2 | 1-3 | 2-4 |
| Rooty Hill v Moorebank | 4-0 | 0-1 | 0-3 |
| West United v Granville Chile | 1-1 | 1-3 | 3-1 |
| Uni of NSW v Campbelltown Guns | 0-0 | 1-4 | 0-4 |
| King Tomislav v Mt Druitt Town | 0-5 | 3-2 | 4-0 |

The National Scoreboard

INTER URBAN FIRST DIVISION

| | 1st | 2nd |
|---------------------------------|-----|--------|
| West St George v Fairfield Kiev | 8-0 | FK for |
| Sydney Uni v Nineveh Eagles | 3-2 | 3-2 |
| Spanish Club v Concordia | 3-2 | 5-2 |
| Padstow Park v Chelsea | 7-0 | 1-0 |
| West St George v Nineveh Eagles | 2-0 | 1-0 |

INTER URBAN SECOND DIVISION

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Dulwich Hill v Chile Sports | 0-0 | 2-0 |
| Hawkesbury Dist v Macquarie Uni | 5-0 | 3-0 |
| Wenty Waratah v Trasandinos | 2-2 | 1-3 |
| Hurstville Zagreb v Pagewood | 3-2 | 0-0 |
| Liverpool City v Maroubra United | 4-2 | 2-1 |
| Rosebery v Green Valley | 5-0 | 5-1 |
| Trasandinos Sports v Pagewood | 4-3 | 0-1 |
| Macquarie Uni v Hurstville | 4-2 | 1-2 |

INTER URBAN THIRD DIVISION

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Sydney Maccabi v Chullora | 4-0 | 1-6 |
| Lansvale United v Concord Juniors | 0-2 | 0-3 |
| Petersham Lusitanos v Greenisland | 1-2 | 2-2 |
| Blacktown Wanderers v Colo Colo | 4-2 | 2-2 |
| Robins v Haberfield B/D's | 2-3 | 5-0 |
| Welcome Sports v Rangers Hadjuk | 2-4 | 3-1 |

INTER URBAN FOURTH DIVISION

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|------|-----|
| Lithgow Workmens v Macedonia Yagoona | Aban | 2-2 |
| Cyprus United v Murray Farm | 2-1 | 1-1 |
| Castle Hill v Luddenham Croatia | 12-0 | 0-1 |

INTER URBAN FIFTH DIVISION

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------|----------|
| Hellas Pdn v Orange | 2-2 aet | 4-5 pens |
| Arncliffe RSL v Calabria | 0-0 | 0-1 aet |
| Calabria v Cobreloa | 1-2 | 0-3 |
| Orange v North Rocks | 0-3 | |

NTH NSW FINALS

AUSTRAL United bowed out of the Tooheys Northern NSW first division play off series on Sunday when they lost on penalty kicks to Lake Macquarie City.

Lake Macquarie will now meet the loser of next Sunday's major semi final at Adamstown between the Premier, West Wallsend, and Belmont-Swansea United.

Austral came from behind in the semi final at Weston to end the 90 minutes at 1-all.

Scot Haynes had given Lake Macquarie the lead and Wayne Achurch gained the equaliser 12 minutes from full time.

But Lake Macquarie won its way into the final with a 4-3 lead after six penalty kicks had been taken.

Belmont, which beat Newcastle Macedonia 2-nil, will move into the second division final while West Wallsend eliminated Cessnock City from the Under 18 series with a 1-nil victory.

VICTORIA

State League Results

Frankston Pines 3 St Albans 2

Morewell Falcons 3 Northcote City 1

Box Hill 3 Springvale City nil

Fawkner 1 Croydon City 6

Polonia 2 Western Suburbs nil

Ringwood City 1 Thomas Town nil

Top Five

Croydon 31
Frankston Pines 29
Box Hill 28
St Albans 28
Morewell Falcons 28

QUEENSLAND

Queensland XXXX League
Mt Gravatt 1 Easts 1
Lions 3 Wynnum nil
North Star 4 Grange Thistle 1
Olympic United 2 Coalstars nil

Coalstars 21

North Star 20

Mt Gravatt 19

Olympic 19

Easts 18

Ipswich 17

Lions 15

Taringa 14

Thistle 11

Wynnum 6

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GREAT SOCCER STARS



This week: ROBERTO BETTEGA
(Italy, Juventus, Varese,
Toronto Blizzard)

BORN at the end of the Christmas festivities in 1950 (December 27), the baby Bettega was fated for a tough ride to the top in the harsh world of Italian football.

He had all the skill in the world, but doctors discovered he had something else, too... a touch of tuberculosis.

The young Bettega, having scored 13 goals in his first full season with Juventus in the First Division in 1970-71, had to forget about football for the longest eighteen months of his life.

Would he ever kick a ball in the top flight again? Everyone close to him said: "Of he course he would," and he was confident himself. But what young man could live through such a trial without even a lingering doubt?

THE OLD ONE-TWO

Certainly, the illness delayed the start of an international career that reached some kind of pinnacle with the marvellous goal he scored against Argentina in the 1978 World Cup finals before the hosts became world champions.

In a competition which, in retrospect, produced few magical moments, the one-two he played with the then 21-year-old Paolo Rossi before scoring will stick in the memory of all who saw it... and especially the Argentinians.

Before tuberculosis became a turning point, Roberto Bettega's career has seemed to be taking a steady, unspectacular course.

He was the product of the Juventus youth scheme and, because Italian clubs have no reserve sides, it was only natural — and no slur on his abilities — that he be loaned out to a Second Division club to get some valuable experience.

THE LOAN

That's what happened. He went to Varese for the 1969-70 season and in 30 League games scored the very respectable total of 13 goals.

Brought back to Juventus for the following season — much to Varese's disappointment — he scored the unlucky number of goals again... just before TB struck.

So his chances of making the Italian squad for the 1974 World Cup were virtually non-existent.

After the competition in West Germany, the Bettega luck changed. The Italian disaster — an early and ignominious return to their own country — meant that new faces would soon be seen in the Italian Azzurri.

One of them was that of Roberto Bettega.

But still the path wasn't easy. He played in the 1-0 win away to

Finland in June 1975 — and was then dropped.

Several games after that were spent among that anonymous and despairing band on the bench... the substitutes.

SUBSTITUTE TO SUPERSTAR

Bettega had still to break through. A couple of star performances would do it. They came within two months, late in 1976.

In September he made his comeback against Yugoslavia and scored one of the goals in a handsome 3-0 victory.

And in October he scored twice in the easy — but vital — World Cup match away to Luxembourg.

If manager Enzo Bearzot needed a little more evidence to put Bettega in the 'regular' class, it came triumphantly against England, a magnificent diving header in Rome. Four goals in the 6-1 thrashing of Finland were, perhaps, Roberto's way of making up for lost time.

Ahead, of course, was the World Cup itself — after helping Juventus to their fifth League Championship in seven seasons. And early in the competition lots of people thought that — at last — the Italians had shed their defensive shell and had a real chance of becoming champions.

If that had happened, Roberto Bettega, would have been sitting at No.1 instead of Mario Kempes.

Yet Bettega managed a magnificent series anyhow. Goals against Hungary and Argentina and even more importantly a fantastic and exciting understanding with young Paolo Rossi.

ONE MAN BAND WITHOUT ROSSI

But their lethal partnership ended just as quickly as it started. In late 1979 Rossi — nicknamed 'Pablito' after his magnificent World Cup performance — was up for bribery charges and the duo was now one.

Bettega was playing a lone hand in the Italian front-line and was obviously strained with all this reliance on him during the 1980 European Championships in Italy where the hosts finished a disappointing fourth.

TRAGEDY IN 1982

The Italians were not enjoying a successful lead up to the 1982 World Cup in Spain but again the 32-year-old and greying Juventus veteran Bettega was still there and regarded as

Italy's trump card.

The Rossi-Bettega partnership seemed imminent once more. Rossi has served his two years plus suspension and was on his way back and in fact teamed up with Bettega late in the season for the Zebras.

But Bettega was being hampered throughout the League season with knee problems and finally and tragically he was forced to pull out of the World Cup in Spain after surgery on his cartilage.

It is now history Rossi led Italy to World Cup glory and Bettega was at home watching in pain both physical and emotional.

NEW FIRM

For the 1982-83 season Juventus had an awesome look about them. The side read: Zoff, Gentile, Cabrini, Bonini, Brio, Scirea, Bettega, Tardelli, Platini, Rossi, Boniek.

They were raging favourites for all titles. They finished well behind AS Roma in the League but had a fantastic run in the European Cup right through to the final which they lost 1-0 to Hamburg SV of West Germany.

Bettega was the Italian giants' most potent player, being denied early on by the keeper after a magnificent header.

But it was not to be. The Cups (World and European) did not land in his hands, he did though lead Juventus to the UEFA trophy in 1976-77.

A few more games for the national side took his total to 44 games and in addition he scored 19 goals, a fine strike rate.

At one stage though

he had completed a dozen internationals with 13 goals scored.

Later he was forced to do much of the hack-work and was forced to create more than finish.

His excellent strike rate put him well on course to be compared with Boninsegna, Riva, Mazzola and all the others.

Bettega bore comparison with Riva in one respect only. Both played on the left-side as flank strikers. But where Riva was stocky and powerful, Bettega was slim and lean. Where Riva took himself through a defence by sheer power and bombarded shots, the more slight Bettega threaded his way through and tucked the ball away neatly. Bettega also had the gift of appearing to be coasting, until the ball was within playing distance. Then there came the burst over the first few yards which distinguished the great from the good.

THE CRASH

In 1984 he moved on from Juve to Canada to join NASL club Toronto Blizzard. He was hailed there everywhere he went and helped the club to success in the NASL.

Unfortunately midway through his term there he was involved in a terrible automobile accident and spent many days in hospital.

He recovered fully but it meant his imminent retirement.

As it stands, we can recall the flicks and feints, the power in the air and the deadly finishing that made Roberto Bettega such a wonderful player to watch.



ROBERTO BETTEGA demonstrates his great heading ability with a diving headed goal for Juventus in the Italian League.

TOP: ROBERTO BETTEGA completes the magnificent move with a goal in the 1978 World Cup for Italy against eventual champions Argentina to take the game 1-0 for his side.

Above: BETTEGA goes on his celebratory run after slotting the ball in following the move with Paolo Rossi and Giancarlo Antognoni.

BRIEFLY FROM SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA: RIVER PLATE of Argentina finished their matches in Group One of the Copa Libertadores with a boring and uneventful 1-0 win over compatriots Boca Juniors in Buenos Aires.

Such was the pathetic nature of the game that critics of the two sides were plentiful indeed.

The main thoughts from all the media were: "A gigantic bore. It was the biggest yawn we've seen for a very long time."

But the 'horrible' game was won and River took the points after a goal by their Uruguayan import Antonio Alzamendi.

The result - purely academic - put River on 11 points at the end of the matches in Group One, a proverbial mile in front of Boca and Wanderers of Montevideo on six.

PARAGUAY: THE reunion of the South American Confederation of Football has concluded in Asuncion, the capital city of Paraguay.

The conference of all the South American footballing nations was held at the Excelsior hotel and it lasted two days. The most vital points to come up were the future of the South American competitions and the competing of South American nations overseas and against one another.

Also at the meeting the semi-final draw of the Copa Libertadores was made and it is as follows:

GROUP A: Thursday September 4, Argentinos Juniors v River Plate and the return on the 21st at Velez Sarsfield.

Thursday September 11, Barcelona (Ecuador) v Argentinos Jnrs at the Modelo de Guayaquil Stadium.

Tuesday September 23, Barcelona v River Plate at the Modelo de Guayaquil Stadium.

Friday September 26, River Plate v Argentinos Jnrs at River.

GROUP B: September 11, Olimpia of Paraguay v Bolivar of Bolivia at the Defensores del Chaco de Asuncion Stadium.

September 16, Olimpia v America de Cali of Colombia in the Mismo Stadium.

URUGUAY: Wanderers and Central Espanol, have qualified as the finalists of the special tournament celebrating 75 years of the Physical Education Commission.

Wanderers made their way through with a penalty shoot-out victory over Defensor.

The match was locked 0-0 at full-time, no extra-time was played and the Uruguayan champions took the match 6-5 on penalties after an evenly fought game.

Daniel Peletti was the hero for Wanderers as he smashed in the winning penalty.

In the other semi-final Central defeated Huracan Buceo 2-0 with top goalscorer Jose Villareal scoring both - the first after 42 minutes and the second just ten minutes before full-time.

On the table of goalscorers, Bella Vista's Juan Larre finished on top despite his team being eliminated.

Behind him are Enrique Baez of Wanderers with five and Villareal has four.

AFTER SMALL START WIMBLEDON ARE WORTH COPYING!

TEN years ago Wimbledon were making headlines because of their giant-killing exploits as a Southern League team.

A decade on they have just embarked on their first season among the Liverpools and Manchester Uniteds in Division One.

Although there is always the risk of financial suicide, there are many other clubs who wish to emulate their rags to riches career.

At the end of this season the winners of the GM Vauxhall Conference will gain direct entry to the Football League for the first

time, at the expense of the 92nd placed League side.

To be accepted, though, the club must meet certain League requirements. They must be able to provide a ground with adequate facilities and safety standards.

Massive expenditure on building work to bring sub-standard

grounds up to scratch could put a side into crippling debt.

John Jefferson, the commercial manager of Enfield, says: "What Wimbledon managed to achieve is the driving force behind a club like ours. We have the facilities and also the potential support from the surrounding area for League football."

BOTH Norman Whiteside and Frank Stapleton seem set to sign new contracts at Old Trafford with Manchester United.

Whiteside, who hasn't hidden his disappointment previously over United's failures in the League, has made it clear: "Everyone over the years has said we are all set to win the League. We have got so close before and blown it. It is now up to us, the players, to win it."



URUGUAY: Uruguayan International and Nacional defender JUAN RAMON CARRASCO is being chased by a host of clubs.

Brazilian clubs Cruzeiro and Belo Horizonte have both been showing considerable interest but Carrasco remains firm that for signing he must receive \$100,000.

Also interested are clubs - Internacional de Porto Alegre and Ponte Preta de Sao Paulo and Spanish clubs Deportivo La Coruna and Cadiz.

As yet the Uruguayan directors are not giving out any information as to whether any of these offers will be accepted. In fact most of the clubs chasing the player are concerned that no firm price has been set down.

ARGENTINA: Former International referee ANGEL CEOREZZA, has made it clear that he feels the modern game will not survive if modifications to the rules of football are not made soon.

The main point Ceorezza has made is on the so-called 'professional foul', where many defenders get away with committing a cynical foul when a forward is on his way to goal.

ENGLISH FA secretary TED CROKER faces investigations by his own association. He is in trouble for remarks concerning newly-promoted Wimbledon, whom he described as being "totally incapable of staging first division football."

CHRIS LAWLER has become the first victim of the sack at Liverpool FC in England for some 27 years.

Following a clash with head coach Kenny Dalglish, Lawler was sent packing from his position as reserve team coach and his place has been taken by former Liverpool and England stalwart centre-back, Phil Thompson.



THE English Football League has introduced the two substitute rule...but only in the League Cup.

The clubs themselves, most who have whinged for years over the one sub rule, rejected the offer of two in the championship.



FRANCE

ENGLISH LEAGUE CUP 1st rd
1st leg: Aldershot 1 Fulham 3, Blackpool 0 Preston 0, Bournemouth 0 Bristol City 1, Bury 2 Bolton 1, Cardiff 5 Plymouth 0, Carlisle v Grimsby postponed ground waterlogged, Chesterfield 0 Wrexham 2, Colchester 0 Peterborough 0, Doncaster 1 Rotherham 1, Hartlepool 3 Halifax 1, Notts County 1, Port Vale 3, Orient 2, Cambridge 2, Rochdale 1, Burnley 1, Scunthorpe 2, Darlington 0, Shrewsbury 0, Crewe 0, Southend 1, Brentford 0, Stockport 2, Tranmere 1, Sunderland 2, York 4, Swindon 3, Torquay 0, Walsall 1, Mansfield 0, Wigan 1, Blackburn 3, Wolverhampton 1, Lincoln 2.

FRANCE: Nantes 3 Bordeaux 0, Rennes 0 Marseille 0, Nice 0, Paris Saint-Germain 2, Racing Paris 0, Sochaux 2, Auxerre 1, Laval 1, Brest 1, Monaco 0, Saint-Etienne 0, Toulouse 0, Metz 2, Lens 0, Lille 4, Nancy 3, Toulon v Le Havre stopped after power failure.

IRE: Leinster Senior Cup, rd 2:
St Patrick's 2 UCD 0, Bray Wanderers 3, Glenties 1, Home Farm 0, Shelbourne 0 (Shelbourne won 4-1 on penalties after extra time), Athlone T 6 St Joseph's 2, Longford 1, Pegasus 1, EMFA 2, Bohemians 2 (Bohemians 4-3 on penalties), Dundalk 3 Drogheda Utd 0.

Leinster Senior League, Div 1:
Bank of Ireland 4 St Mary's 1, Athlone 3, Dunleavy Celtic 0, Bank Rovers 1, Railway Union 2, St James's Gate 1, Ballyfermot Utd 2, Parkville 0, T.E.K. Utd 2, Workmen's Club 1.

Division 1A: Belgrove 1, Colepark 0, Lusk Utd 0, Telecom Erris 0, Dalkey Utd 2, AIB 0, Vaseview 1, CYM 0, St James Ath. 0, CIE Transport 1, Aer Lingus 0, Rathnew 6, Garda 1, Tullamore 3, Mosney CIE v Boyne Rovers called off.

MERLION CUP
At Singapore
SINGAPORE v MALAYSIA
4-0 (half-time 3-0) scorers: Sundaram Moorthy (25th min), Salim Moin (34), Malek Awab (45), Razaly Saad (51).

AUSTRIA: Vienna 1 SC Eisenstadt 4, Admira Wacker 5, GAK 0, Austria Klagenfurt 2, Wiener Sportclub 2, Rapid Vienna 2, Austria Vienna 2, LASK 1 FC Tirol 0, Sturm Graz 2, VOEST Linz 0.

P W D L F A Pts
FC Tirol 8 7 0 1 25 8 16
LASK 8 6 0 2 13 10 12

The World Scoreboard

ENGLISH Div 1: Coventry 1, Everton 1, Liverpool 2, Arsenal 1, Luton 0, Newcastle 0, Manchester United 0, Charlton 1, Norwich 4, Southampton 3, Nottingham Forest 1, Watford 0, Oxford 0, West Ham 0, Queen's Park Rangers 1, Aston Villa 0, Sheffield Wednesday 2, Chelsea 0, Tottenham 1, Manchester City 0, Wimbledon 1, Leicester 0.

Div 2: Birmingham 1, Derby 1, Crystal Palace 1, Stoke 0, Grimsby 0, Bradford 0, Leeds 0, Sheffield United 1, Millwall 1, Barnsley 0, Oldham 0, Hull 0, Plymouth 1, Reading 0, Portsmouth 1, Ipswich 1, Shrewsbury 0, Blackburn 1, Sunderland 1, Brighton 1, West Bromwich 1, Huddersfield 0.

Div 3: Bournemouth 2, Newport 1, Bristol Rovers 1, Bolton 0, Bury 1, Chester 1, Carlisle 2, York 2, Chesterfield 3, Walsall 2, Darlington 2, Mansfield 1, Doncaster 2, Brentford 0, Fulham 0, Blackpool 1, Gillingham 1, Bristol City 1, Port Vale 1, Rotherham 1, Swindon 0, Notts County playing today, Wigan 0, Middlesbrough 2.

Div 4: Aldershot 1, Wolverhampton 2, Burnley 1, Scunthorpe 0, Cambridge 1, Halifax 0, Cardiff 0, Rochdale 0, Crewe 1, Hereford 2, Northampton v Torquay playing tomorrow, Orient 1, Peterborough 0, Preston 2, Swansea 1, Wrexham 1, Lincoln 1, Colchester 1, Exeter 1, Southend 1, Hartlepool 1, Stockport 0, Tranmere 2.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE
Tottenham 2, Liverpool 1, West Ham 2, Wimbledon 0, QPR 1, Everton 1, Sheffield Wed 1, Luton 1, Watford 1, Notts Fst 1, Norwich 1, Man City 1, Coventry 1, Charlton 1, Southampton 1, Arsenal 1, Chelsea 1, Newcastle 1, Oxford 1, Leicester 1, Man Utd 1, Aston Villa 1.

DIVISION TWO
Birmingham 3, Hull 2, Oldham 2, Crystal P 2, Blackburn 2, Millwall 2, WBA 2, Sunderland 2, Plymouth 2, Sheff Utd 2, Leeds 2, Ipswich 2, Brighton 2, Grimsby 2, Portsmouth 2, Bradford 2, Derby 2, Shrewsbury 2, Reading 2, Huddersfield 2, Barnsley 2, Stoke 2.

DIVISION THREE
Bristol R 2, York 2, Middlesb 2, Bournemouth 2, Chesterfield 2, Gillingham 2, Blackpool 2, Notts City 2, Doncaster 2, Swindon 2, Mansfield 2, Darlington 2, Carlisle 2, Bury 2, Bristol C 2, Chester 2, Port Vale 2, Rotherham 2, Fulham 2, Brentford 2, Newport 2, Bolton 2, Walsall 2, Wigan 2.

DIVISION FOUR
Cambridge 2, Lincoln 2, Tranmere 2, Preston 2, Burnley 2, Exeter 2, Hereford 2, Swansea 2, Peterbor 2, Wolves 2, Halifax 2, Orient 2, Hartlepool 2, Rochdale 2, Wrexham 2, Warrington 2, Torquay 2, Crewe 2, Scunthorpe 2, Colchester 2, Aldershot 2, Stockport 2.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION:
Aberdeen 2, Dundee 0, Clydebank 1, Falkirk 1, Dundee United 3, St Mirren 0, Hamilton 0, Motherwell 3, Hibernian 1, Hearts 3, Rangers v Celtic playing tomorrow.

Div 1: Brechin 0, Forfar 1, Dunfermline 2, East Fife 4, Morton 1, Airdrieonians 2, Montrose 0, Dumbarton 3, Partick 0, Clyde 0, Queen of the South 2, Kilmarnock 1, Stranraer 2, Berwick 1.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION
Dundee Utd 5, Aberdeen 5, Celtic 5, Hearts 5, Dundee 5, Clydebank 5, Motherwell 5, Rangers 5, Hibernian 5, St Mirren 5, Hamilton 5.

DIVISION ONE
Airdrie 5, Dunferml 5, O'F 5, Dumbarton 5, Kilmarnock 5, Morton 5, Forfar 5, East Fife 5.

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DIVISION TWO
Stirling 4, Alloa 4, Raith 4, Meadowbank 4, Queen's Pk 4, Albion 4, Ayr 4, Stenhouse 4, Stranraer 4, Berwick 4, E Stirling 4, Cowden 4, Arbroath 4, St Johnst 4.

NORTHERN IRELAND: Cliftonville 1, Distillery 0, Coleraine 1, Glentworth 2, Linfield 3, Ballymena 0, Bangor 1, Glenavon 0, Larne 1, Crusaders 0, Newry 1, Carrick 0, Portadown 2, Ards 2.

WEST GERMAN CUP: first round: Bayer Uerdingen 6, Stuttgart 4, Oberhausen 1, Borussia Dortmund 3, Bayer Leverkusen 6, Osnabruck 0, Aschaffenburg 1, Waldhof Mannheim 2, Bochum 1, St Pauli 2, Amberg 0, Borussia Moenchengladbach 7, Wanne-Eickel 2, Blau-Weiss Berlin 4, Aalen 0, Fortuna Duesseldorf 2, Emmendingen 0, Cologne 4, Viktoria Goeh 0, FC Homburg 3, Mainz 1, Schalke 0, Hertha Berlin 1, Bayern Munich 2, Hamburg SV 3, Union Solingen 0, Eintracht Frankfurt 3, Eintracht Braunschweig 1, Werder Bremen 0, Alemannia Aachen 0.

EAST GERMANY: Lokomotiv Leipzig 0, Stahl Brandenburg 0, Carl Zeiss Jena 1, Wismut Aue 1, Bischofswerda 2, Union Berlin 1, Magdeburg 3, Stahl Riesa 1, Dynamo Berlin 0, Dynamo Dresden 0, Energie Cottbus 1, Rot-Weiss Erfurt 0, Karl Marx Stadt 0, Vorwaerts Frankfurt 0.

CZ Jena
Dynamo Dresden 3, Wismut Aue 3, Stahl Riesa 3, Lokomotiv Leipzig 3, Carl Zeiss Jena 3, Bischofswerda 3, Union Berlin 3, Magdeburg 3, Stahl Brandenburg 3, Dynamo Berlin 3, Energie Cottbus 3, Rot-Weiss Erfurt 3, Karl Marx Stadt 3, Vorwaerts Frankfurt 3.

POLAND
Slask Wroclaw v Motor Lublin 2-1, Pogon Szczecin v Lechia 5-1, Stal Mielec v Ruch Chorzow 0-2, Widzew Lodz v Lech Poznan 2-1, Zagłębie Lubin v Polonia Bytom 1-1, Gornik Walbrzych v Legia 2-1, Gornik Zabrze v GKS Katowice 1-0, Olimpia Poznan v LKS Lodz 0-0.

P W D L F A Pts
Gornik Zabrze 5410 8110, Pogon Szczecin 5320 114 9, Widzew Lodz 5410 73 9, GKS Katowice 5311 83 8, Slask Wroclaw 5311 97 7.

SCOTLAND
Dundee Utd 5410 9 39, Aberdeen 5311 10 37, Celtic 5311 7 27, Heart of Mid 5311 5 27, Dundee 5302 6 46, Rangers 5302 7 66, Clydebank 5212 3 35, Motherwell 5131 5 65, Falkirk 5113 3 53, Hibernian 5113 3 13, St Mirren 5023 2 72, Hamilton 5005 1 90.

SOVIET UNION
Spartak Moscow v Dnipro 1-1, Shakhtyor Donetsk v Kharkov 2-0, Dynamo Tbilisi v Neftchi Baku 2-0, Torpedo Kutaisi v Ararat 2-3, Dynamo Kiev v Torpedo Moscow 0-0.

P W D L F A Pts
Zenit Leningrad 2110 6534 21 26, Dynamo Mos 20 9 74 26 20 25, Spartak Moscow 22 9 67 37 18 24, Shakhtyor 21 9 66 31 21 24, Torpedo 22 7 10 5 22 20 24.

PORTUGAL
Guimaraes v Porto 2-2, Benfica v Varzim 2-0, Rio Ave v Sporting 2-2, Elvas v Maritimo 2-0, Chaves v Braga 0-2, Académica v Portimonense 1-0, Farense v Boavista 1-1, Salgueiros v Belenenses 0-2.

P W D L F A Pts
Benfenses 2200 514, Sporting 2110 533, Benfica 2110 423, Guimaraes 2110 323, Académica 2110 103.

HUNGARY
Budapest v Ferencvaros 0-0, Debrecen v Zalaegerszeg 2-1, Ujpest Doszsa v Budapest 2-0, Dunaujvaros 0-2, Tatabanya 0-2, Siofok v Pecs 0-2, Raba Eto Gyor v Bekescsaba 6-1, Videoton v Szombathely 3-0.

MTK VM v Eger
6-1, Cobresal 9360 7 512, Cobreloa 9441 11 811, Huachipato 9432 11 711, Colo Colo 9513 9 811, U. Católica 9423 12 810, Palestino 9261 10 110, Naval 9261 10 710, U. de Chile 9414 11 10 9, Fernandez Vial 9252 8 8 9, U. Espanola 9333 11 9 9, U. San Felipe 9162 8 7 8, D. Iquique 9243 13 16 8, Rangers 9153 7 9 7, A. Italiano 9234 7 13 7, Everton 9144 5 10 6, San Luis 9144 8 8 6, Magallanes 9126 8 16 4.

HOLLAND
Ajax v PSV 3-0, AZ'67 v Excelsior 3-0, FC Utrecht v FC Den Haag 2-2, Feyenoord v Haarlem 2-1, Den Bosch v Roda JC 0-0, SC Veendam v Go Ahead 3-2, Fortuna Sittard v Sparta 3-2, PEC Zwolle v FC Groningen 2-1, VVV Venlo v FC Twente 1-1.

P W D L F A Pts
Roda JC 4310 407, Sparta 5311 1247, Fortuna 5311 1047, FC Twente 5230 647, Feyenoord 4220 866.

SWITZERLAND
St Gallen v La Chaux-de-Fonds 6-1, Zurich v Lausanne 2-0, Lucarno v Aarau 0-1, Lucerne v Basel 0-0, Neuchatel v Young Boys 1-1, Sion v Servette 3-2, Vevey v Grasshopper 2-2, Wettingen v Bellinzona 1-2.

P W D L F A Pts
Neuchatel 4310 1117, Sion 4310 1267, Grasshopper 4220 846, Zurich 4211 725, St Gallen 4211 955.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION
Rangers v Celtic 1-0.

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE
Swindon v Notts County 1-2.

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR
Northampton v Torquay 1-0.

PERU
San Agustin 2, Huaral 1, La Palma 2, La Joya 1, Sporting Cristal 4, Cdelegio Nacional 0, Universitario Deportes 1, Deportivo Municipal 0, Alianza Lima 2, Guardia Republicana 0, Sports Boys 0, Octavio Espinoza 0.

P W D L F A Pts
Sporting 1266 021 918, Deportivo 1272 318 1216, Octavio 1264 211 716, Alianza Lima 1271 421 1015, San Agustin 1271 418 1215, Universitario 1254 314 1214, Sports Boys 1243 512 1411, La Palma 1243 515 2011, Unión Huaral 1236 611 1519, Guardia Republic 1214 715 6, La Joya 1214 715 6, C.N.I. 1203 9 625 8.

CHILE: Deportes Concepción 2, Universidad de Chile 1, Cobresal 3, Deportes Iquique 0, Colo Colo 1, Fernández Vial 0, San Luis 2, Univers. Católica 2, Magallanes 2, Palestino 2, Huachipato 1, Rangers 1, Unión Española 0, Naval 0, Audax Italiano 2, Dep. San Felipe 1, Cobreloa 2, Everton 1.

P W D L F A Pts
D. Concepción 0531 15 913.

WEST GERMANY
Bayern Muenchen 5, Bayern Munich 5, Hamburg 5, Eintracht F'furt 5, Bayern Uerdingen 5.

YUGOSLAVIA
FC Tirol 8 7 0 1 25 8 16, LASK 8 6 0 2 13 10 12.

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The British Football Scene

WICKS BACK TO HIS HOME SWEET HOME!

STEVE WICKS completed his fifth transfer in moving from QPR to Chelsea for \$900,000 and in total has accumulated more than \$4 million in transfers before the age of 30!

The move to Chelsea makes the big centre-half one of the most expensive defenders in the game's history.

Wicks, a former England Youth and Under-21 international, started his career at Chelsea in the early 70's.

His first big-money transfer took him to Derby, then managed by Tommy Docherty, in

a \$550,000 deal in January, 1979. Eight months later, he followed Docherty to Queens Park Rangers for \$600,000. In May 1981, Crystal Palace paid a staggering \$1.4 million for him, but after only 14 League appearances for them he returned to QPR for \$600,000.

Now, Chelsea have welcomed him back,

too.

"He is a tremendous pro," explains manager John Hollins. "Apart from his play he tends to lift teams. His enthusiasm and dedication rub off on others."

Wicks admits that he never wanted to leave Chelsea in the first place.

"I was a big impetuous in my younger

days," he says.

"When you leave a club, you don't let anybody know how you feel. In my own case, I tried to present a hard image when I left Chelsea — I didn't give anything away. But deep down, I was very unhappy about the situation."

"Moving back is like a dream come true."



(Above) STEVE WICKS in QPR colours challenges new team-mate David Speedie of Chelsea at Loftus Road.

THEY ARE CALLING IT

—OPERATION BLOOD!—

IT may sound sadistic but it is realistic. The English football season has just kicked off, yet before a ball was kicked in anger, fears of bloodbaths were haunting officials, players and spectators.

There are plenty of exciting issues that should be adorning the papers and filling the minds of the people, but hope of enjoyment and glory is blotted out by the dark shadow that is cast by the animalistic hooligans.

Just have a look at some of the quotes from

so-called 'fans' when questioned on their farcical behaviour.

Gary is 28, with two sons, aged five and three and as he was sipping an orange juice had the hide to say: "All men have a natural instinct to fight. In the environment we have been brought up in, we have to be able to look after ourselves. We learn never to back down." Fair enough you might think, but read on.

"When you get involved in trouble, your adrenalin gets going and you really feel good. I get a buzz from fighting — it's a way of life."

Among the most feared gang is West Ham United's "In-

ner—City" firm — a 400-strong army of Hammers' supporters who wear smart sports outfits and leather shoes.

Members, who are said to include a bank manager, scoff at suggestions that alcohol is to blame for Soccer violence.

Most of them either don't drink at all or drink in moderation. They are too experienced to need "Dutch courage" and they know drinking too much could impair their ability to fight.

This sort of behaviour has led to Football Association chairman Bert Millichip warning

that even if the UEFA ban on English clubs competing in Europe was lifted, there would be no automatic re-entry as far as the FA is concerned.

"I intend to do everything in my power to put our house in order. I don't entirely agree that the clubs have done all that they can."

"Some clubs like Chelsea and Millwall, have done a considerable amount, but a number view the problem as a Government responsibility and close their eyes to it."

"Luton have received criticism for their plan to ban all away supporters from their

grounds. It would be far too drastic for the whole of football to employ a similar scheme, but I intend to monitor their progress very closely."

Police officials say a new breed of clever, well-dressed "generals" has emerged behind the mindless, skin-head young thugs.

Despite well paid jobs, homes and children, the "generals" live for fighting.

ROXBURGH THE BRAIN

NEW Scotland manager, ANDY ROXBURGH has been given an overwhelming vote of approval from his boss, Scottish Football Association President David Will.

Will claims Roxburgh is a brain box and that he knows more about the game arguably than anyone in England, Britain or even Europe...

Will's tribute suggests that Roxburgh knows more than half the leading European managers including Franz Beckenbauer of West Germany, Enzo Bearzot of Italy, and wily old Belgium chief Guy Thys.

Roxburgh, a fairly unimpressive player at Partick Thistle, Clydebank and Falkirk who built an enviable reputation as Director of Coaching in Scotland, admits that even he was stunned by

his appointment after strong reports that Manchester City manager Billy McNeill was a certainty to succeed Ferguson.

"I was never a big-name player," he says. "But the SFA have groomed me for ten years and I worked with FIFA in the World Cup. I almost had to be picked off the floor when I was told the job was mine, but football is in my blood and I now hope to repay the SFA's faith in me."

Roxburgh has a tough job ahead. Scotland since 1974 has qualified for the World Cup every time and been knocked out every time as hard-luck stories in the first round.

He takes charge of a side that bristles with talent of the likes of Gordon Strachan, Frank McAvennie, Charlie Nicholas, Paul McStay, Jim Leighton and even at this stage the veterans in Kenny Dalglish and Graeme Souness.



FRANK McAVENNIE — Scottish rep.

| DIV 2 | BARNLEY | BIRMINGHAM | BLACKBURN | BRADFORD | BRIGHTON | C. PALACE | DERBY | GRIMSBY | HUDDERSFIELD | HULL | IPSWICH | LEEDS | MILLWALL | OLDHAM | PLYMOUTH | PORTSMOUTH | READING | SHEFF. UTD | SHREWSBURY | STOKE | SUNDERLAND | W.B.A. |
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| BARNLEY | | MAR 28 | NOV 1 | OCT 11 | MAR 14 | AUG 23 | NOV 15 | FEB 21 | MAY 4 | APR 18 | APR 25 | SEP 2 | FEB 7 | JAN 3 | SEP 20 | SEP 8 | APR 4 | OCT 25 | JAN 17 | DEC 26 | DEC 13 | NOV 29 |
| BIRMINGHAM | OCT 4 | | DEC 6 | AUG 25 | FEB 14 | OCT 18 | AUG 30 | MAY 2 | SEP 13 | FEB 28 | SEP 27 | NOV 22 | DEC 27 | NOV 8 | JAN 21 | MAR 21 | APR 20 | DEC 20 | MAY 9 | JAN 24 | MAR 7 | APR 11 |
| BLACKBURN | APR 11 | MAY 5 | | OCT 25 | APR 25 | SEP 20 | APR 17 | JAN 17 | DEC 20 | NOV 15 | NOV 29 | AUG 23 | FEB 21 | DEC 13 | SEP 30 | JAN 3 | MAR 28 | NOV 8 | FEB 7 | MAR 14 | SEP 8 | OCT 11 |
| BRADFORD | MAR 14 | JAN 3 | MAR 7 | | MAY 4 | SEP 2 | DEC 26 | FEB 7 | FEB 15 | APR 25 | APR 18 | SEP 20 | JAN 17 | FEB 6 | AUG 23 | APR 4 | APR 1 | OCT 4 | FEB 21 | NOV 29 | APR 18 | DEC 12 |
| BRIGHTON | OCT 18 | SEP 2 | NOV 22 | DEC 6 | | APR 20 | MAR 7 | SEP 6 | APR 3 | NOV 1 | MAR 21 | MAY 9 | JAN 1 | JAN 21 | JAN 17 | AUG 23 | DEC 27 | MAY 2 | DEC 21 | OCT 4 | FEB 7 | SEP 20 |
| C. PALACE | JAN 24 | MAR 14 | FEB 28 | FEB 14 | DEC 26 | | JAN 3 | NOV 8 | SEP 9 | DEC 13 | NOV 15 | MAR 21 | OCT 4 | APR 25 | APR 11 | MAY 4 | SEP 27 | SEP 13 | OCT 26 | AUG 30 | NOV 29 | APR 18 |
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| SHEFF. UTD | MAR 7 | SEP 6 | APR 4 | MAR 28 | NOV 29 | JAN 17 | APR 25 | SEP 20 | OCT 18 | DEC 26 | MAY 4 | FEB 7 | SEP 2 | APR 18 | FEB 21 | DEC 13 | OCT 11 | | AUG 23 | NOV 15 | NOV 1 | JAN 3 |
| SHREWSBURY | SEP 13 | DEC 13 | AUG 30 | SEP 27 | SEP 16 | MAR 7 | OCT 18 | OCT 4 | FEB 28 | NOV 29 | JAN 3 | APR 11 | MAR 21 | MAY 5 | NOV 8 | NOV 15 | FEB 28 | JAN 24 | | APR 18 | APR 25 | DEC 26 |
| STOKE | APR 20 | AUG 23 | OCT 18 | MAY 2 | MAR 28 | FEB 7 | NOV 1 | MAY 9 | OCT 11 | APR 4 | MAR 7 | DEC 21 | SEP 6 | JAN 17 | DEC 6 | SEP 20 | NOV 22 | DEC 29 | JAN 1 | | FEB 21 | SEP 2 |
| SUNDERLAND | MAY 9 | OCT 25 | DEC 21 | JAN 1 | AUG 30 | MAY 2 | FEB 14 | DEC 27 | JAN 24 | SEP 13 | FEB 28 | APR 20 | DEC 6 | MAR 21 | MAR 14 | OCT 4 | APR 21 | APR 11 | NOV 22 | SEP 27 | | NOV 8 |
| W.B.A. | MAY 2 | NOV 1 | MAR 21 | MAY 9 | FEB 28 | JAN 1 | SEP 27 | OCT 18 | AUG 30 | JAN 24 | SEP 13 | DEC 6 | NOV 22 | OCT 4 | DEC 27 | MAR 7 | DEC 20 | AUG 25 | APR 20 | FEB 14 | APR 4 | |